

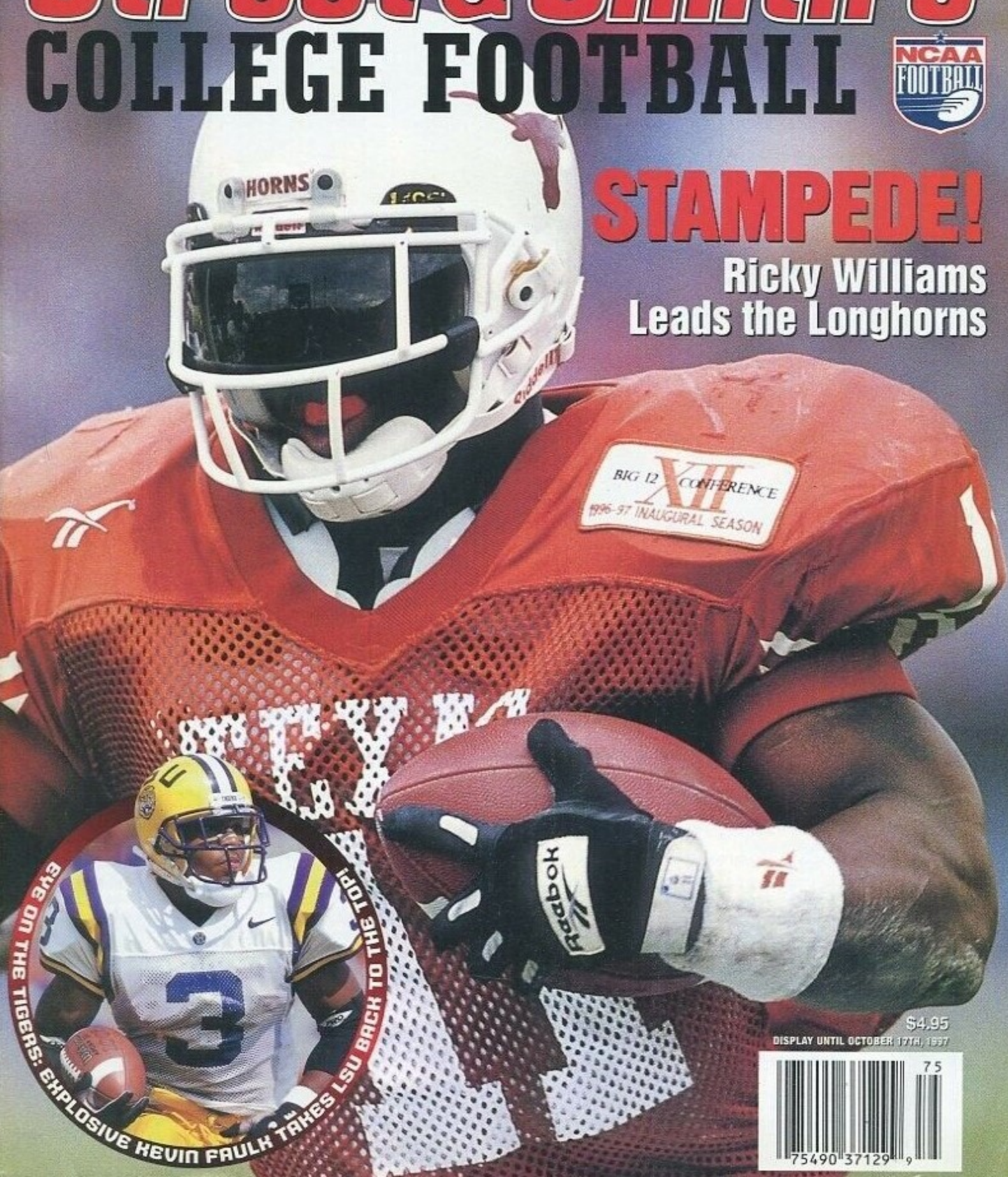
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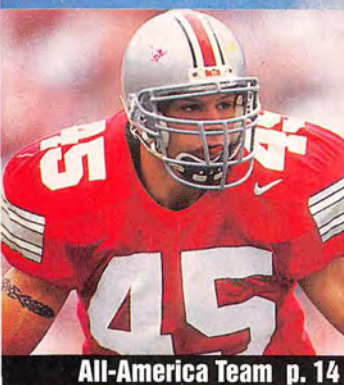
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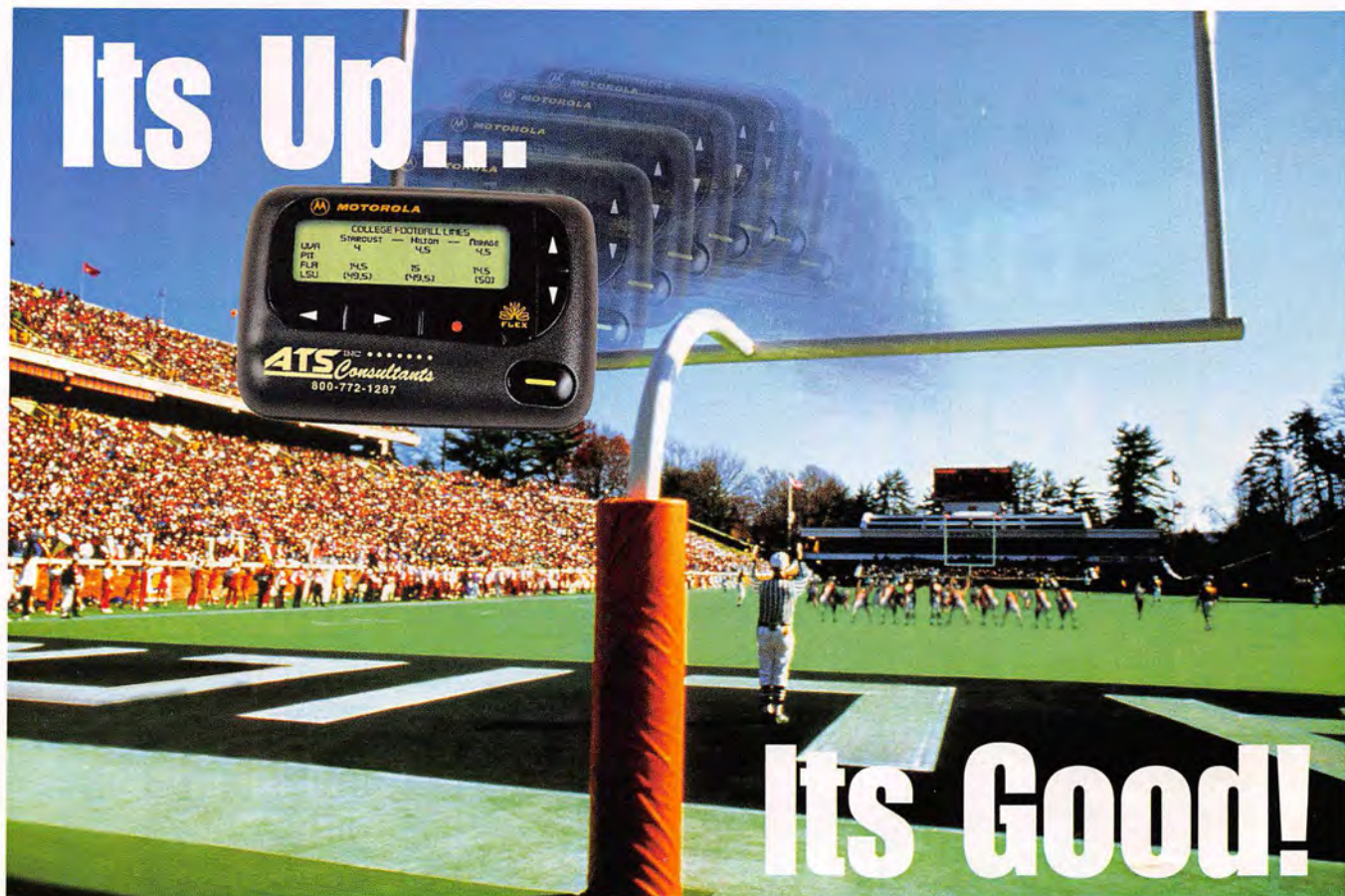
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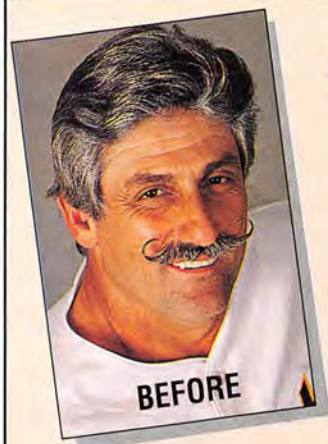
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Street & Smith's salutes Tennessee's Peyton Manning on his return.

When the television cameras zoom to the field this fall, you may not recognize the personnel. That's because so many of the familiar faces are gone. A remarkable 25 head coaches resigned, retired, or were fired last season. That's nearly one new coach for every four major colleges.

And the game's stars left in a rush. As usual, the senior class moved out, but so, too, did a number of younger players. The first four picks in the NFL draft last spring were underclassmen: Ohio State offensive tackle Orlando Pace went No. 1, followed by USC defensive tackle Darrell Russell, Ohio State cornerback Shawn Springs, and Florida State defensive end Peter Boulware. Thirty others, all dreaming of a pro career, departed before their class graduated. Of the top 10 finishers in last year's Heisman Trophy balloting, nine won't be back this fall.

The only returnee from that select group is Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning, who thus becomes the front-runner for the Heisman this fall while remaining the favorite to be the top choice in the NFL draft next spring. Manning is truly a marquee player. His résumé includes impressive numbers for completions, yardage, and touchdowns, and he has already broken 28 school records. His return has raised expectations among the Vols' fans. Manning's coach, Phillip Fulmer, upon learning that his star quarterback would complete his eligibility (as a graduate student), declared, "Peyton is almost as big a legend in Tennessee as Davy Crockett."

"You get caught up in the football and the school and think, 'Boy, I really have it tough,'" said Manning. "Then you get out and visit some sick children in the hospital and see what's really important in life."

We salute Manning for his decision, and eagerly look forward to his performance against the defending national champion Florida Gators in Gainesville. Mark your calendars for the game on September 20!

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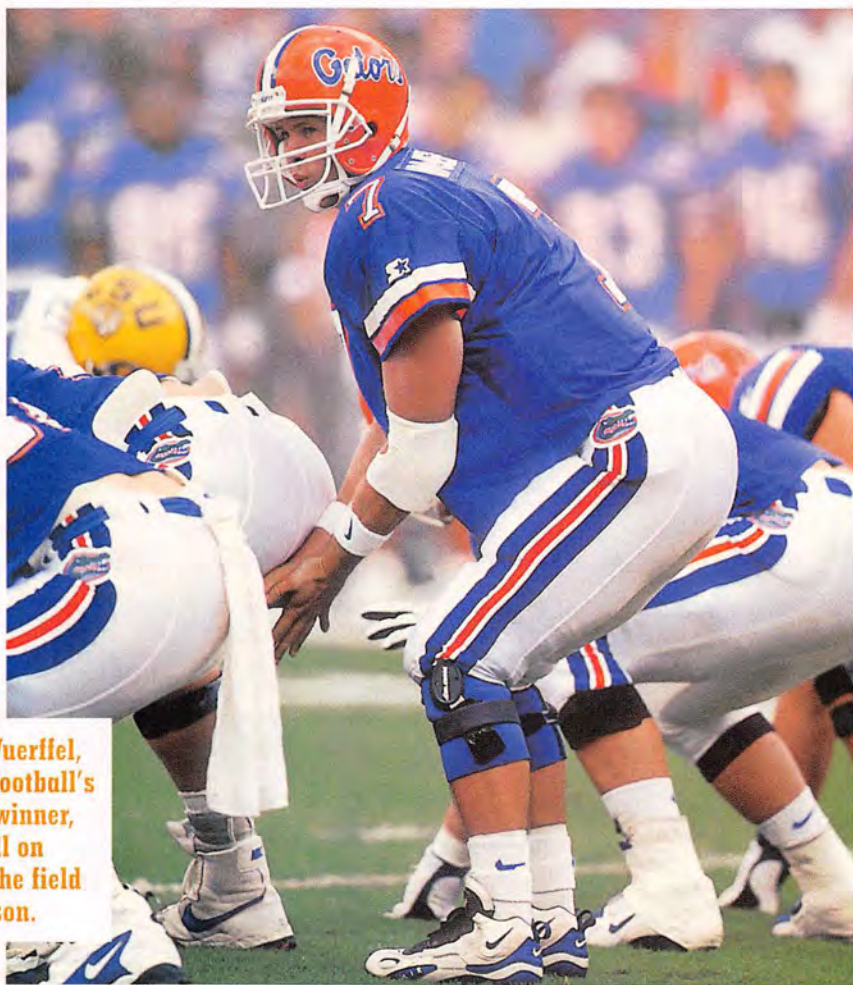
Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel directed the Gators to the national championship.

Add another honor to the long list of accolades bestowed upon Danny Wuerffel, the most accurate passer in NCAA history. As the quarterback of the No. 1 team in the nation, the Florida Gators, he culminated a stellar 12-1 season with a Sugar Bowl victory over arch rival Florida State. For his accomplishments, Wuerffel is the Walter Camp Football Foundation's Player of the Year. He has set 47 school, Southeastern Conference, and NCAA records, including 17 during the 1996 season. Among his marks are a Florida-record 10,875 career yards passing and a conference-record 114 touchdown passes.

Last fall was the perfect end to an incredible college career; Wuerffel completed 207 of 360 passes for 39 TDs and averaged 309 yards passing per game while leading Florida to the national championship. His ability on the field, his unselfish play, and his strength of character have earned him Florida coach Steve Spurrier's respect and praise: "Danny is too good to be true," Spurrier says. "[He] is going to be successful no matter what he does."

Plenty of people agree, including New Orleans Saints coach Mike Ditka, who selected Wuerffel in the NFL draft. Wuerffel has collected a host of honors which are testimony to his success: the Heisman Trophy, the Maxwell Award, the Danny O'Brien Award, the Johnny Unitas Award, and Street & Smith's Exemplary Player of the Year Award, among many others. But he is quick to recognize the contributions of others, particularly his offensive line.

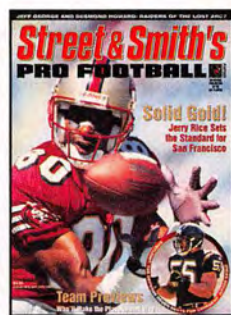
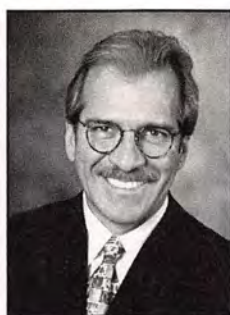
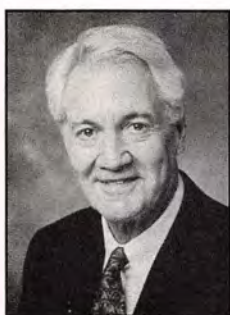
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Quarterback Peyton Manning, who returned to Tennessee, is at the head of the class of '98.

THE TOP PRO PROSPECTS

BY LARRY FELSER
BUFFALO NEWS

If past performance still means something, the NFL team that has the first selection in the 1998 draft won't get a headache brainstorming over which player to choose. It's the same guy who would have been No. 1 in 1997 had he not elected to use his final year of college eligibility.

PEYTON MANNING

That's Peyton Manning, the Tennessee quarterback, who has had the pro scouts excited ever since he played his first game for the Vols. Last March, before Manning made his surprise announcement that he was staying in Knoxville, he gave his coach, Phillip Fulmer, advance notice with a 1:00 A.M. phone call. After Fulmer confirmed he wasn't dreaming, he gushed, "Peyton is almost as big a legend in Tennessee as Davy Crockett."

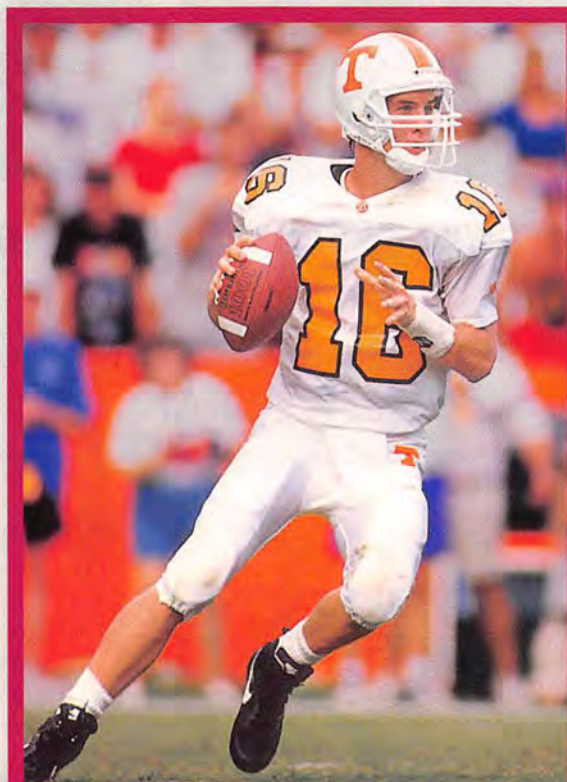
Even if Manning doesn't wear a 'coonskin cap, the pros will welcome him. Not only did his coaches and teammates cheer Manning's decision, but so did a lot of NFL people. The track record for quarterbacks forsaking eligibility to leap into the pros ranges from dismal to unpolished. The best of the lot, Drew Bledsoe, led New England to the Super Bowl last season, but veteran NFL people still feel he has a lot to learn, including how to protect the ball.

Manning's résumé already includes impressive numbers for yardage, touchdowns, and all the other vital statistics. The pros say he doesn't have a five-star passing

arm, but it's still strong and accurate. What they like about him is his intelligence, his ability to read defenses, and, most of all, his record for making sound decisions, a skill that can't be taught.

The return of Manning has raised expectations among the Tennessee faithful: the Heisman Trophy, SEC championship, and national title. He struggled a bit a year ago because of the Vols' rebuilt offensive line, and the scouts would like to see more of how he performs in a few knotty situations. That ability is what experience usually brings to a quarterback.

In passing on the NFL and returning to school for another year, quarterback Peyton Manning is looking for a perfect Tenn.



MICHAEL MYERS

Michael Myers, who could personally put Manning in some difficult situations, made his decision to stay at Alabama for his senior season long before Manning made his decision. "If I wasn't going to be drafted in the first round," reasoned the 6-3, 270-pound pass rusher, "I wasn't going to declare for the draft."

After a season in which he led the Crimson Tide with eight sacks, made 13 tackles behind the line of scrimmage, and was credited with 24 quarterback pressures, Myers might have been selected in Round 1, but there was no guarantee. After all, Myers was just one season removed from junior college.

Now, it would be a surprise if he is not one of the more coveted defensive linemen in next spring's draft. Consider that he has been used primarily as a defensive tackle, a position with which he was not enamored. "It wasn't easy

convincing me to be a defensive tackle," admits Myers. "I fought it from the start."

He is small for a pro defensive tackle, but at his preferred position, defensive end, he would be the right size. He came to Alabama with comparisons to former Alabama star John Copeland, now a Cincinnati Bengal.

CHRIS KELDORF

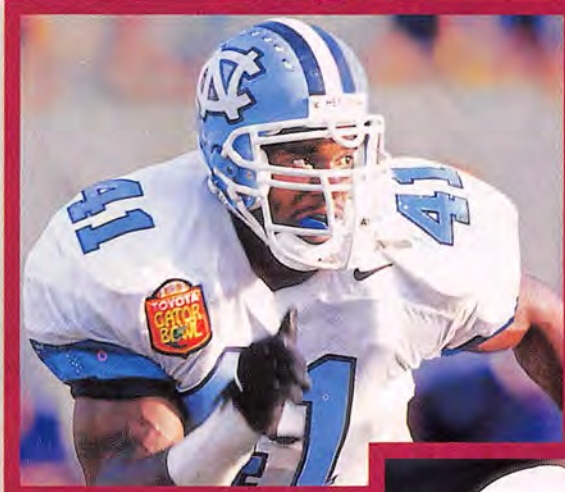
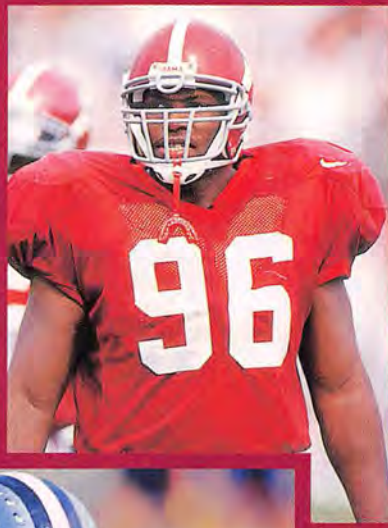
Manning won't be the only quarterback under the NFL microscope. Chris Keldorf of North Carolina passed for 340 yards against Maryland, 322 against Houston, and 315 against North Carolina State. He threw for 23 touchdowns before suffering a broken ankle in the regular-season finale against Duke.

Keldorf not only has the desired size (6-5, 235) and arm strength, but also the attitude. When he was a freshman at Utah State, the Aggies' offensive coordinator at the time, ex-Seattle quarterback Jim Zorn, told him he didn't have the right stuff to play quarterback. Keldorf, about 250 pounds then, was assigned to play tight end.

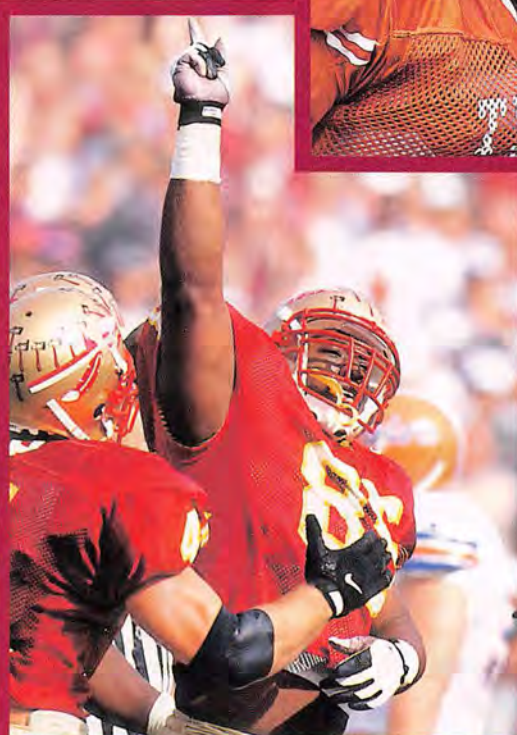
After thinking it over for a few days, Keldorf rejected Zorn's advice and followed his quarterback dream to junior college. At his first stop, he found Steve Sarkisian, later a star at Brigham Young University, ahead of him. He settled in at his next stop, though, and two years later, Carolina came recruiting.

Spurning Zorn's rejection wasn't Keldorf's only sign of true grit. After he was injured in the first half of the Duke game last fall, Keldorf insisted on staying near the end zone on an ambulance cart for the entire second half so he could cheer on his teammates. After the injury, Keldorf went on a diet and lost 15 pounds. There is little chance of his resting on his 1996 laurels. His backup, Oscar Davenport, won the Most Valuable Player Award in Carolina's Gator Bowl victory over West Virginia.

While college coaches, as well as the pros, would prefer to see quarterbacks stay in school until they have squeezed every drop of opportunity from their eligibility, running backs are a different story. Ball carriers have a short shelf life in football, so it is not unusual to see them pass up their



Top to bottom:
Alabama defensive tackle
Michael Myers, North Carolina
linebacker Brian Simmons,
Texas tailback Ricky Williams,
and Florida State defensive
end Andre Wadsworth



senior season and make an immediate impact in the NFL. Corey Dillon of Washington, Darnell Autry of Northwestern, Troy Davis of Iowa State, Byron Hanspard of Texas Tech, Terry Battle of Arizona State, and Alex Smith of Indiana all elected to forfeit their remaining eligibility and enter the NFL draft this past spring.

CURTIS ENIS

It would not be a shock to see Curtis Enis of Penn State join those backs in the professional ranks in 1998.

As a sophomore last season, Enis often appeared to be a man among boys. In the 1996 opening game against Southern California, he made an immediate impression with a 241-yard, three-touchdown performance. It was no surprise to anyone familiar with his background. He is the state of Ohio's all-time leading rusher.

Enis did not taper off. In Penn State's final three regular-season games, he

ripped Northwestern for 167 yards, Michigan for 114, and Michigan State for 165. In the 38-15 Fiesta Bowl victory over Big 12 champion Texas, he was the Offensive Player of the Game with three touchdowns and a two-point conversion.

This season? He has a list of things he wants to do in order to improve: "Make more people miss, run through more tackles, keep my legs going, catch every pass, and improve my blocking."

RICKY WILLIAMS

All three seasons that Ricky Williams has spent at Texas are seen as a bonus by the Longhorns since he had a professional sports option before he ever arrived on campus. He spent the last three summers playing baseball in the Philadelphia Phillies' farm system. He's the fastest player in their organization, and the Phillies pay his tuition.

Like Enis, Williams, a junior, appears ready to step into someone's pro uniform after this season. When he broke Earl Campbell's freshman rushing record, the 220-pounder was tabbed "Little Earl." He

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is the Big 12's top returning rusher, with 1,272 yards as a fullback in 1996, but now he'll be Texas's tailback.

"He runs like no one else out there," says Bucky Godbolt, the Longhorns' former running backs coach. "He has a style of his own."

Godbolt once popped a video of Barry Sanders into the VCR and showed Williams some of Sanders' spin moves. Williams tried two of them for the first time in the Longhorns' next game, and he rushed for 132 yards.

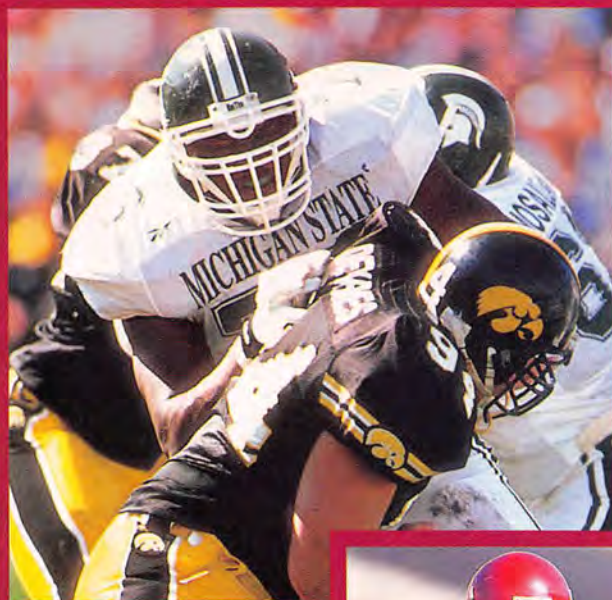
For a man with such speed (4.49 in the 40-yard dash) and enormous power (385-pound bench press), combined with baseball potential, the NFL scouts think "Little Bo Jackson" may be a more appropriate nickname.

KEVIN FAULK

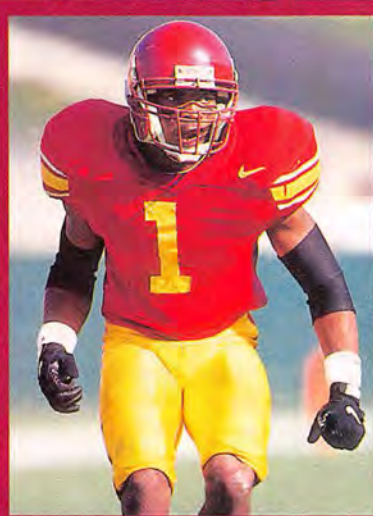
While Enis and Williams are combinations of explosiveness and durability, LSU's Kevin Faulk, another junior star, offers something else: big-play versatility. When the Tigers defeated Arkansas to claim a share of the SEC's Western Division championship last November, Faulk demonstrated the many ways he can beat an opponent. He started out by carrying the ball on the first four plays of the opening touchdown drive for 27 yards. He finished the drive with seven carries for 46 yards.

On LSU's second series, Faulk converted a third-and-10 by making a one-handed catch on a screen pass and carrying it 39 yards. On his first punt return of the game, Faulk raced 39 yards to set up a short field goal which put his team ahead 17-0.

After a season in which he led the SEC with 1,282 yards rushing, averaged 15.6 yards on 24 punt returns, and finished fourth nationally with 191.3 all-purpose yards per game, there was some speculation that Faulk might turn pro after his sophomore season, especially since he has two children to support. "I've still got a lot of work to do in order to get to the NFL," he said, squashing the reports.



Top to bottom:
Michigan State offensive tackle Flozell Adams, Southern California cornerback Daylon McCutcheon, and UCLA free safety Shaun Williams



"I've still got a lot of things to accomplish here."

GRANT WISTROM

Chances are, Nebraska's Grant Wistrom would have been drafted somewhere late in the first round of the 1997 NFL draft had he elected to turn pro. Instead, Wistrom, one of the nation's most fierce pass rushers, had other priorities. "Money is not that big a thing to me right now," he explained. "I think we have a good shot at it all next year, and I really look forward to playing one more year with my friends and getting a chance to play on the same team with my little brother [incoming freshman] Tracey."

An academic All-America, Wistrom has a 3.49 grade-point average in pre-pharmacy. "He has a great chance to be picked among the top four or five players next spring," explains Gil Brandt, an NFL scouting consultant and the Dallas Cowboys' former personnel director. "What he sacrificed was one year's salary, which he'll make up three or four times over next year if he plays as well as I think he can."

BRIAN SIMMONS

North Carolina's senior linebacker Brian Simmons is another defensive player who excites the pro scouts, particularly since he is skilled at dropping into pass coverage. He intercepted four passes and returned them for a school-record 160 yards. Simmons comes up biggest in the big games: 12 tackles against Florida State, nine in a road victory at Syracuse, and eight tackles and a 57-yard interception return against Virginia.

L.A. STORY

A football generation ago, USC and UCLA offered two of the best defensive backs of the 1970s: Trojan Ronnie Lott and Bruin Kenny Easley. This season there are three NFL-quality defensive backs playing for the crosstown rivals: cornerbacks Daylon McCutcheon and Brian Kelly of USC and safety Shaun Williams of UCLA. On November 22, the famous rivalry will be played in the L.A. Coliseum.

McCutcheon, who came to USC as a schoolboy tailback, established himself as a big-play defender. In his first college game, he intercepted a pass against San Jose State and returned it 35 yards for a touchdown. He returned another interception 56 yards against UCLA. In the Rose Bowl two seasons ago, he picked up a fumble and returned it 53 yards for a score. "He has the rare gifts of speed, quickness, and instincts," said USC coach John Robinson.

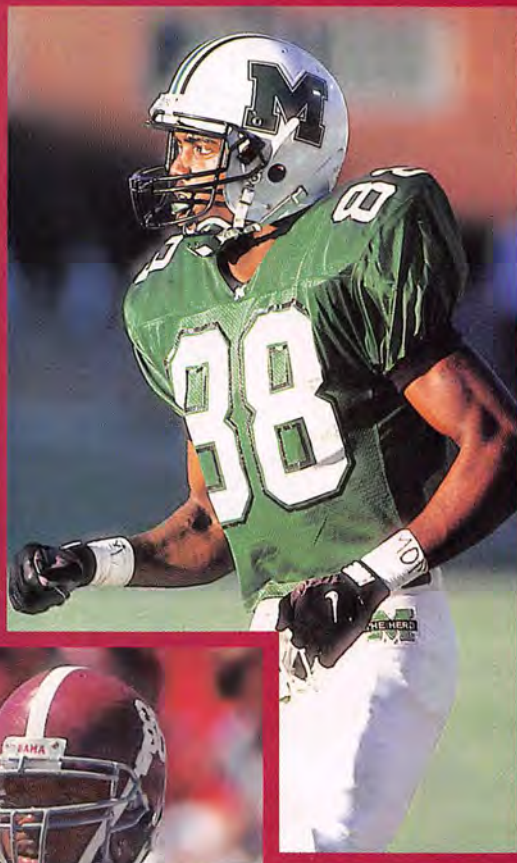
Robinson predicted Kelly would become "the best cornerback to ever play at USC," before McCutcheon established himself. Since Kelly already distinguished himself covering current pros like J.J. Stokes and Derrick Mayes, and practiced every day against ex-teammate Keyshawn Johnson, Kelly is prepared for what he'll see in the NFL.

Just like McCutcheon, Williams arrived as a tailback. In fact, UCLA used him on offense during an emergency in 1994. The pros want to see him as a senior now that the Bruins have had a season to get comfortable in new coach Bob Toledo's system.

BEST OF THE REST

Florida State lost two premier pass rushers in Peter Boulware and Reinard Wilson, but the Seminoles will partially compensate for that by moving tackle Andre Wadsworth to an outside position. The pros like Wadsworth a great deal, at either line position.

When the pro scouts travel to Michigan State this season, they will look to



*Top to bottom:
Marshall wide receiver
Randy Moss,
Alabama tight end
Rod Rutledge, and
Washington offensive
guard Benji Olson*



see if Flozell Adams's cheeseburger discipline is still working. Adams came to East Lansing, Mich., as a 6-7, 370-pound offensive tackle whose diet consisted almost exclusively of cheeseburgers.

When Nick Saban took over as the Spartans' new head coach, he brought Ken Mannie with him as strength and conditioning coach. Mannie got Adams to discipline himself. "I decided it was time to get serious," says Adams, who became a Big Ten all-star.

The magnifying glass will be on Auburn's star offensive tackle, Victor Riley, a 6-5, 315-pounder. Some people feel he has more talent than his ex-teammate Willie Anderson, now with the Cincinnati Bengals. But Riley has been inconsistent. As a freshman he outplayed Florida's Kevin Carter, limiting him to one tackle as Auburn upset the No. 1 Gators 36-33. The following spring, Riley's coaches demoted him to third team. Last season he made all-SEC.

CAN'T MISS

Others on the scouts' list of early "must-check" players include Michigan's versatile sophomore, Charles Woodson, an updated version of Deion Sanders, who excels as a defensive back and doubles as a receiver; Washington's offensive guard Benji Olson, Oklahoma State tight end Alonzo Mayes, Nebraska tailback Ahman Green, and Alabama tight end Rod Rutledge.

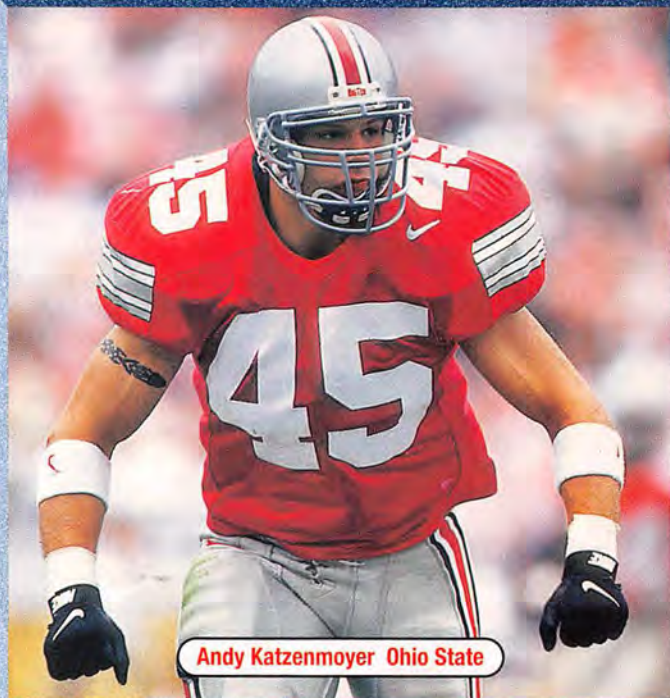
Neither the college coaches nor the NFL even want to think about stars coming out after their sophomore seasons, but there is one player who may force the issue. Marshall wide receiver Randy Moss destroyed the Southern Conference as a freshman, and then did the same to the competition in the I-AA playoffs. ■

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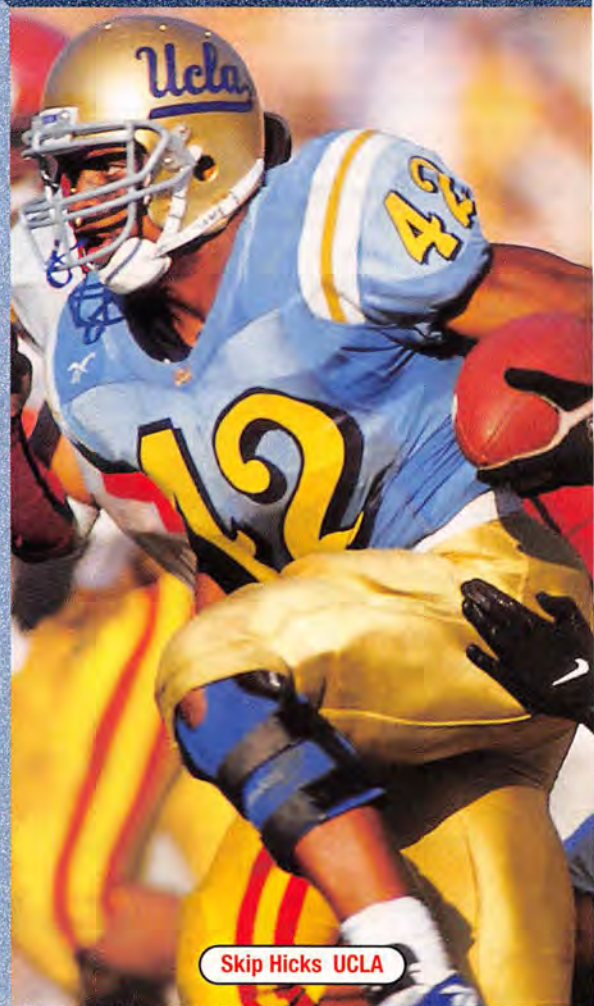
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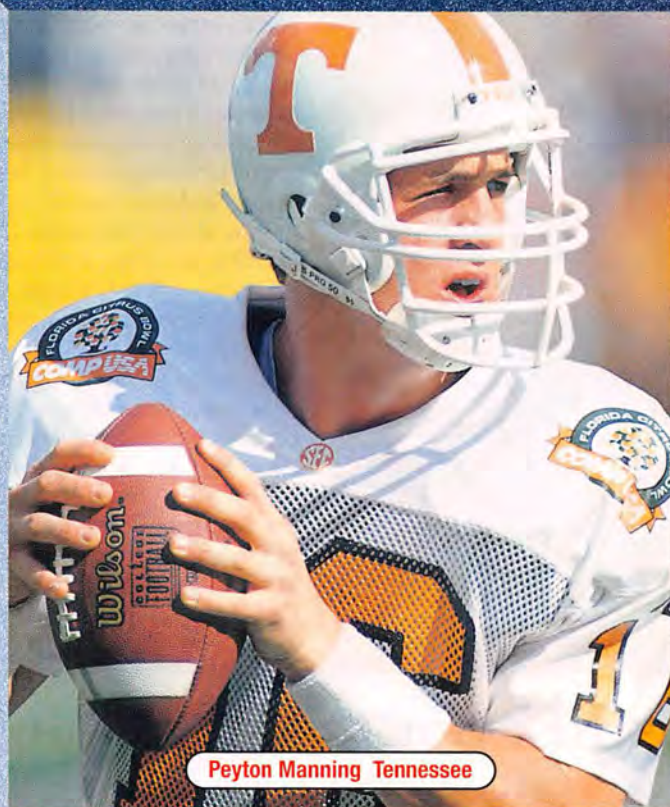
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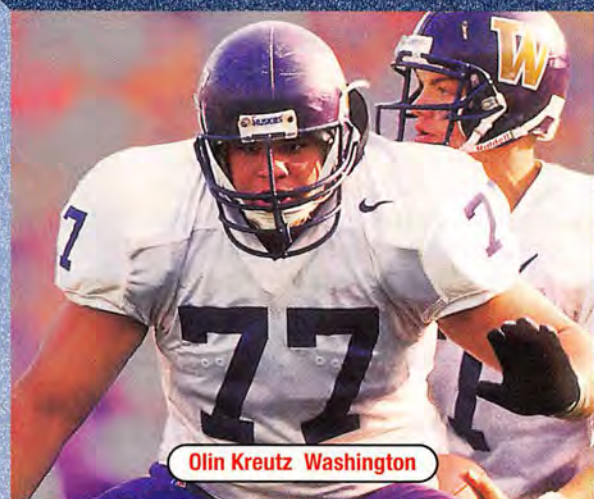
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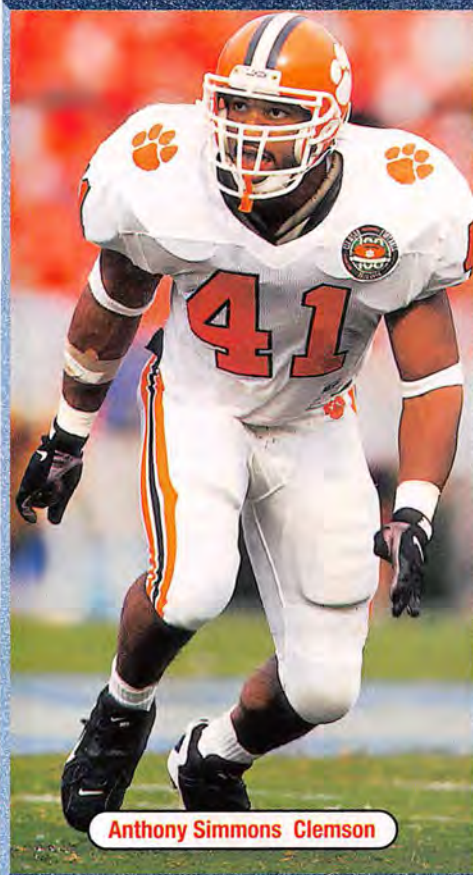


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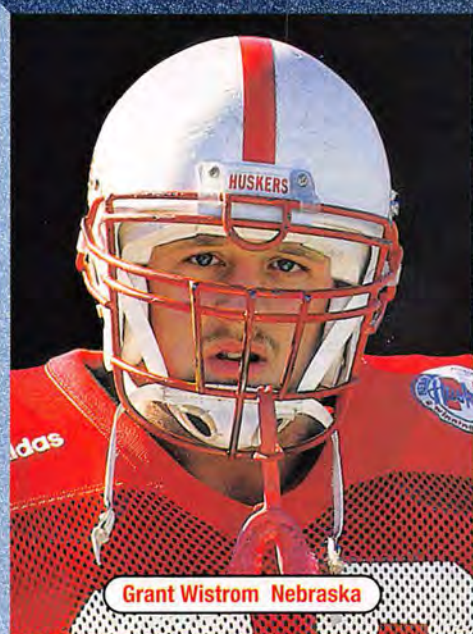
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Anthony Simmons Clemson



Ron Powlus Notre Dame



Grant Wistrom Nebraska



Curtis Enis Penn State

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 RB **Ron Dayne** SO Wisconsin
 RB **Curtis Enis** JR Penn State
 WR **E.G. Green** SR Florida State
 WR **Randy Moss** SO Marshall
 TE **Alonzo Mayes** SR Oklahoma State
 OL **Aaron Taylor** SR Nebraska
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 OL **Kevin Long** SR Florida State
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 P **Jim Wren** SR USC

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OFFENSE

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 Nealon Greene SR Clemson
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 Chad Hutchinson JR Stanford
 Chris Keldorf SR North Carolina
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 Moses Moreno SR Colorado State
 Matt Sherman SR Iowa

Running Backs

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 Kevin Faulk JR LSU
 Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala JR Utah
 Ahman Green JR Nebraska
 Scott Harley JR East Carolina
 Madre Hill JR Arkansas
 Robert Holcombe SR Illinois
 Sedric Irvin SO Michigan State
 Denvis Manns JR New Mexico State
 Silas Massey JR Central Michigan
 Saladin McCullough SR Oregon
 Basil Mitchell JR TCU
 Ken Oxendine SR Virginia Tech
 De'Mond Parker SO Oklahoma
 Pepe Pearson SR Ohio State
 Michael Pittman SR Fresno State
 Raymond Priestner SR Clemson
 Dennis Riddle SR Alabama
 Ketric Sanford SO Houston
 Rashaan Shehee SR Washington
 Fred Taylor SR Florida
 Herchel Troutman SR Colorado
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 Damon Washington JR Colorado State
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 Zola Davis JR South Carolina
 Tim Dwight SR Iowa
 Kevin Dyson SR Utah
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 Donald Hayes SR Wisconsin
 Lenzie Jackson JR Arizona State
 Harvey Middleton SR Georgia Tech
 Marcus Nash SR Tennessee
 Geoff Noisy JR Nevada
 Jerome Pathon SR Washington
 David Saunders JR West Virginia
 Phil Savoy SR Colorado
 Bobby Shaw SR California
 Brandon Stokley JR SW Louisiana
 Ryan Thelwell SR Minnesota
 Hines Ward SR Georgia

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 Chad Spencer SO Kentucky
 Jerame Tuman SO Michigan

Linemen

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 Jim Bundren SR Clemson
 Anthony Cesario JR Colorado State
 Mo Collins JR Florida

Ryan Fiebigler SR Texas
 Boyd Kitchen SR Ole Miss
 Jay Korth SR Wyoming
 Bruce McClure SR Oklahoma
 Jason McEndoo SR Washington State
 Jamar Nesbit JR South Carolina
 Jeremy Newberry JR California
 John Schlarman SR Kentucky
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Placekickers

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 Jeff Hall JR Tennessee
 Brent Locklear SR Ball State
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Kick Returners

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 Terry Fair SR Tennessee
 Michael Perry JR Rice
 Allen Rossum SR Notre Dame
 Kio Sanford SR Kentucky
 Jim Turner SR Syracuse

Defensive Linemen

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 Melvin Bradley JR Arkansas
 Inoke Breckterfield JR Oregon State
 Jimmy Brumbaugh JR Auburn
 Jared DeVries JR Iowa
 Greg Ellis SR North Carolina
 Gregory Favors SR Mississippi State
 Kelly Gregg JR Oklahoma
 Carl Hansen SR Stanford
 Matt Harper SR TCU
 Viliami Maumau SR Colorado
 Reggie McGrew SO Florida
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 Adrian Ross SR Colorado State
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 Andre Wadsworth SR Florida State
 Brandon Whiting SR California
 Kailee Wong SR Stanford

Linebackers

Eric Barton JR Maryland
 Chris Bordano SR SMU
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 Greg Bright SR Georgia
 Keith Brooking SR Georgia Tech
 Morocco Brown SR N.C. State
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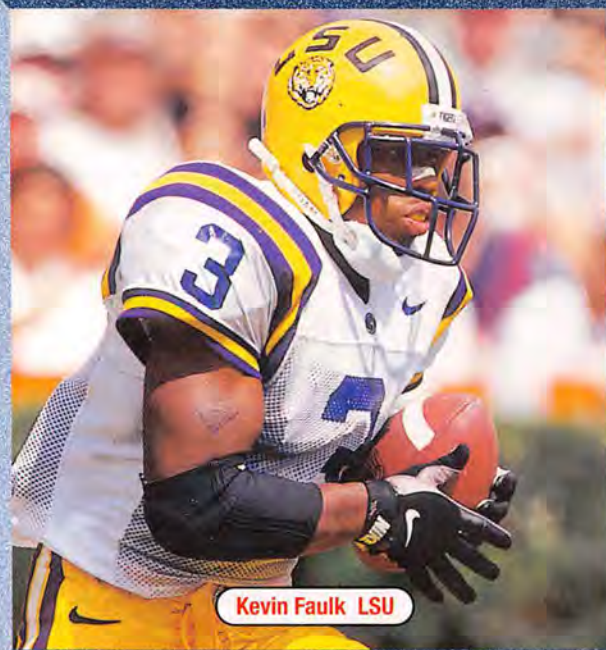
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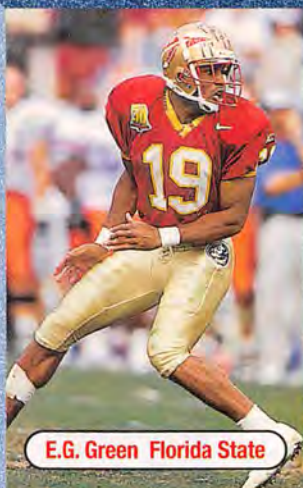
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Thorpe Award

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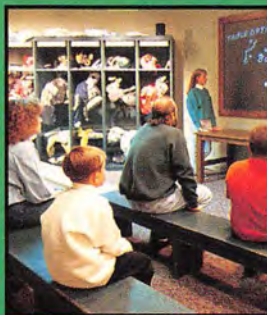
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National

BY RANDALL MELL

SUN-SENTINEL OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Lou Holtz will no longer pace Notre Dame's sidelines, Gene Stallings won't prowl Alabama's, and Johnny Majors won't stomp along Pitt's. When the television cameras zoom to the sidelines this fall, you may not recognize many of the coaches. That's because so many of the old faces are gone.

A remarkable 25 head coaches retired, resigned, or were fired last year. Legendary Grambling coach Eddie Robinson was nearly forced to join the exodus, but he was granted a final season before he retires. He will be back this fall, but so many other long-time coaches won't. Indiana's Bill Mallory, Kentucky's Bill Curry, Fresno State's Jim Sweeney, and Illinois' Lou Tepper are among the missing.

There's new blood coursing through college football this season. There are new ideas, new voices, and new story lines. Bob Davie begins a new era at Notre Dame, Mike Dubose at Alabama, and Walt Harris at Pittsburgh. They were all coordinators or assistants, and they weren't alone in taking the big step up. Seventeen of the 25 new hires were coordinators or assistants.

College football's stars left in a rush, too. The usual contingent of seniors moved on after the 1996 season, but so did a horde of underclassmen. Many of the game's next generation of marquee players left before they even launched Heisman Trophy candidacies. Thirty-four underclassmen entered last April's NFL Draft. Ohio State's Orlando Pace, Iowa State's Troy Davis, Florida State's Peter Boulware, Florida's Reidel Anthony and Ike Hilliard, Miami's Yatil Green, and Texas Tech's Byron Hanspard were among those who left early.

College football didn't lose all of its stars. It just seems that way. Of the top 10 Heisman Trophy vote-getters last year, nine won't be back this fall. The only returnee is Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning, and that makes him far and away the front-runner to win the Heisman as a senior this year. He has all of Danny Wuerffel's All-America-boy personality traits, but he's also got all the skills the pros crave.

If Manning is going to get a serious challenge in the Heisman Trophy race, it's likely to

come from Wisconsin and Syracuse. Last season, the Badgers turned loose a freshman sensation named Ron Dayne. The Orangemen will pin their hopes on the dazzling talents of junior quarterback Donovan McNabb. Those two will have a chance to get a jump on Manning in the Heisman race when they are showcased against each other in the Kickoff Classic. It should rank among the best individual matchups of the season.

Top 25

1. Washington
2. Florida
3. Florida State
4. Michigan
5. Ohio State
6. Texas
7. Tennessee
8. Penn State
9. Nebraska
10. North Carolina
11. Colorado
12. Notre Dame
13. Stanford
14. Miami
15. LSU
16. Syracuse
17. Arizona State
18. Clemson
19. BYU
20. Iowa
21. UCLA
22. Auburn
23. Kansas State
24. USC
25. Colorado State

James Brown



Best Offensive Backfield

1. TEXAS: Quarterback James Brown beat Nebraska with a clutch play-action pass in the Big 12 championship game. As a senior, he's got even more to offer. Junior fullback Ricky Williams returns after rushing for 1,272 yards, the third-highest single-season total in UT history.

2. NEBRASKA: The 'Huskers return junior Ahman Green, sophomore DeAngelo Evans, and senior Jay Sims, a terrific trio that accounted for almost 2,000 yards rushing last fall. Senior quarterback Scott Frost endured some criticism a year ago, but he's talented and poised to break through this season.

3. MIAMI: Senior quarterback Ryan Clement is a fiery competitor who knows how to win, and he's got a talented backup in junior Scott Covington. Junior Dyral McMillon, sophomore Edgerrin James, and James Jackson are a tailback trio that may make people forget that they call Miami Quarterback U.

4. ALABAMA: Senior tailback Dennis Riddle rushed for 1,079 yards a year ago, but the Crimson Tide go three deep at tailback. Curtis Alexander and sophomore Shaun Alexander (not related) will help the Tide pound away at defenses and quarterback Freddie Kitchens returns after enjoying his best spring.

5. NOTRE DAME: Senior quarterback Ron Powlus never got a chance to open it up under Lou Holtz, but his skills will be featured in Bob Davie's expanded offense. Junior tailback Autry Denson is a slasher who eats up yardage, and there's a sophomore fullback coming on with the tantalizing name of Joey Goodspeed.

Next Generation

The youngsters who play like upperclassmen and promise to be in future All-America classes:

1. Ohio State linebacker **ANDY KATZENMOYER** was the Big Ten Freshman of the Year last sea-

son. He seems to have trouble liking anybody who carries a football.

2. Nebraska cornerback **RALPH BROWN**, a freshman All-America last fall, causes night sweats among Big 12 quarterbacks.

3. Penn State sophomore **BRANDON SHORT** hits like Jack Ham and Shane Conlan, and that's what

being a Nittany Lion linebacker is all about.

4. Michigan State sophomore **SEDRIC IRVIN** dazzled with 1,067 yards rushing and 18 TDs as a true freshman, and he's still learning.

5. Texas linebacker **AARON HUMPHREY** moves to the middle this fall from the outside. He led all Big 12 true freshmen in tackles in '96.

Preview

Show me the Heisman

This is Peyton Manning's Heisman Trophy to lose. If Heisman voters were to cast their ballots today, the Tennessee quarterback would know what Steve Spurrier feels like when his Gators are running up the score. But, then again, there's plenty of time for Heisman hopefuls to catch Manning. Here are the top five candidates:

1. **Peyton Manning** has the arm, the smarts, the name, and the All-America image. He's a bigger, stronger Danny Wuerffel. Manning has already broken 28 Tennessee records.

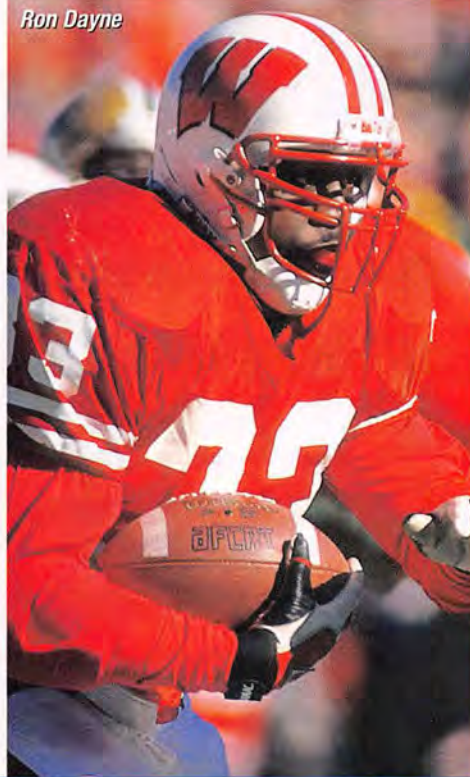
2. Wisconsin sophomore tailback **Ron Dayne** ran for more than 2,000 yards. This ultra big back is only slightly smaller than the average Wisconsin dairy farm. He is vying to become the first Badger Heisman winner since Alan Ameche in 1954.

3. Syracuse quarterback **Donovan McNabb**, a junior, left a half-dozen University of Miami defenders grasping air in a dazzling touchdown scramble at the Orange Bowl as a freshman.

4. LSU junior tailback **Kevin Faulk** could get points as an all-purpose candidate if he gets enough touches running, receiving, and returning

5. Junior **Ahman Green** is a classic, big Nebraska back, and there are linemen as big as tractors mowing a path for him.

Ron Dayne



Teams on the Rise

1. **NORTH CAROLINA:** Look out, Florida State! Quarterback Chris Keldorf has some of the best receivers in the nation to throw to, and nine regulars are back from what may be the nation's No. 1 defense.

2. **CLEMSON:** Tailback Raymond Priester will be tough to stop behind an experienced offensive line, and Clemson's defensive front is nasty.

Raymond Priester



3. **COLORADO STATE:** Quarterback Moses Moreno and running back Damon Washington lead an explosive offense. Overall, 17 starters return.

4. **MICHIGAN STATE:** Quarterback Todd Schultz and tailback Sedric Irvin will give Big Ten defenses fits behind a powerful offensive front.

5. **STANFORD:** The front seven may be the school's best ever.

Best Offensive Line

1. **WASHINGTON:** Junior guard Benji Olson and junior center Olin Kreutz are All-America battering rams among four returning starters from a unit that was as good in pass protection as it was in run-blocking.

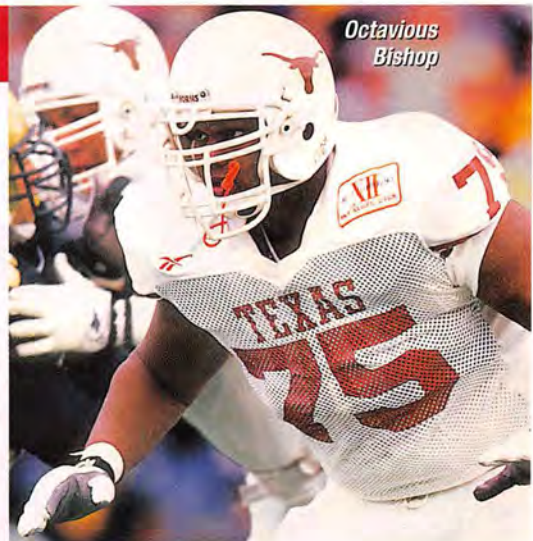
2. **TEXAS:** Senior center Ryan Fiebigler, junior guard Ben Adams, sophomore guard Roger Roesler, and junior tackles Jay Humphrey and Octavious Bishop. That's 1,507 pounds of beef returning to bust some face masks. They took on a Nebraska team last season that had sacks in 39 straight games but couldn't get one against Texas.

3. **CLEMSON:** Senior tackle Jim Bundren

is among four starters back on the front that helped the Tigers lead the ACC in rushing.

4. **ARIZONA STATE:** They're talking in Tempe about how junior offensive tackle Grey Ruegamer might be better than Juan Roque was last season. Ruegamer is among three returning starters in a line Arizona State coaches believe could be more formidable than last year's dominating bunch.

5. **FLORIDA:** They're still young, but they're national champions, too. Three starters and a lot of experience return with junior tackles Zach Piller and Mo Collins and sophomore guard Ryan Kalich.



National Preview



Best Receivers

1. Tennessee: If speedy junior Peerless Price recovers quickly enough from a broken right leg he suffered in spring practice, the Volunteers will offer Peyton Manning a cast of play-makers six deep. Senior Marcus Nash leads all returning receivers with 53 catches last year.

2. Florida State: Senior E.G. Green and sophomore Peter Warrick lead a deep receiving corps that will carry more of the offensive load now that running back Warrick Dunn is gone.

3. North Carolina: Senior Octavus Barnes should leave Chapel Hill as the school's all-time leading receiver. Juniors L.C. Stevens and Na Brown combined for 96 catches last season.

4. Arizona State: Keith Poole's gone, but there's a well of talent remaining. Junior Lenzie Jackson had 36 catches a year ago, and junior Kenny Mitchell heads a deep cast eager to wear out opposing secondaries.

5. Colorado: Senior Phil Savoy returns after making 43 catches. Senior Chris Anderson and junior Darrin Chiaverini are ready to blossom.



Best Defensive Line

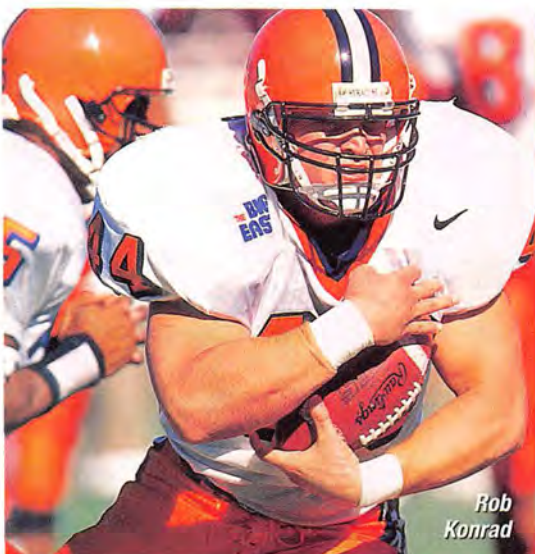
1. NEBRASKA: Jared Tomich may be gone, but senior end Grant Wistrom and senior tackle Jason Peter are back. That means the Cornhuskers will be ornery up front again. Wistrom and Peter were instrumental in helping Nebraska rank No. 5 in scoring defense and No. 5 against the rush.

2. FLORIDA: Junior Ed Chester is a force at tackle, but everybody back on the Gators' defensive line started games last fall. Junior end Tim Beauchamp, sophomore tackle Reggie McGrew, and senior end Willie Rodgers will dominate.

3. NORTH CAROLINA: Senior end Greg Ellis will give offensive coordinators migraines as the force on what should be one of the best defenses in the country.

4. STANFORD: Senior end Kailee Wong leads what could be one of the best defensive lines in Cardinal history. Wong had 12 sacks a year ago, and the Cardinal return three of four starters.

5. ALABAMA: Senior tackle Michael Myers has the perfect name for his frightening game. Like the character in the movie *Halloween*, Myers knows how to scare people. He roughed up quarterbacks with 13 sacks last fall. Junior defensive end Chris Hood is the other returning starter, but Alabama's got plenty of eager young help.



Can We See Some I.D.?

You may not know them, but they are outstanding players. They don't get much publicity, for any number of reasons. Could be they play for bad teams, or in remote communities, or in the shadow of teammates who get too much attention. But, hey, opposing coaches know them:

1. UCLA senior free safety **SHAUN WILLIAMS** may be the best player on his team.
2. Virginia senior safety **ANTHONY POINDEXTER** intercepted four passes, led all ACC defensive backs in tackles, and

blocked two punts a year ago.

3. East Carolina junior running back SCOTT HARLEY is the leading returning rusher in the nation after averaging 158.6 yards per game in '96.

4. Syracuse junior fullback ROB KONRAD plays in the same backfield with Donovan McNabb, and reminds locals of former Orangeman Daryl Johnston, the versatile fullback with the Dallas Cowboys.

5. Colorado State senior quarterback MOSES MORENO threw for nearly 3,000 yards last season.

Hey, this seat's hot

Every year, some coach knows he's got to win more than he loses or the alumni will be backing up a U-Haul to his front door. It's worse for other coaches, who can't satisfy the boosters by simply posting a winning record. These coaches know it doesn't matter how many they win if they keep losing to the school's bitter rivals. Just ask these coaches, whom you'll see squirming on the hot seat this fall:

1. Mississippi State's **JACKIE SHERRILL** was 5-6 and 3-8 over the last two seasons.
2. Auburn's **TERRY BOWDEN**. It's hard to believe a man with a 36-9-1 record could be feeling any heat, but Auburn athletic director David Housel said improvement must be shown after last year's 8-4 mark.
3. Temple head coach **RON DICKERSON** resigned last season in an emotional moment, but later got a contract extension. He took the toughest job in college football, and you have to wonder how much he will have left to give if the Owls don't rebound after going 5-39 over the last four seasons.
4. North Carolina State's **MIKE O'CAIN** was 7-5 and 9-3 before back-to-back 3-8 seasons.
5. Arkansas coach **DANNY FORD** took the Razorbacks to the SEC title game two seasons ago, but last year's fall to 4-7 overall and 2-6 in the conference isn't the kind of season A.D. Frank Broyles endures easily.

BEST LINEBACKERS

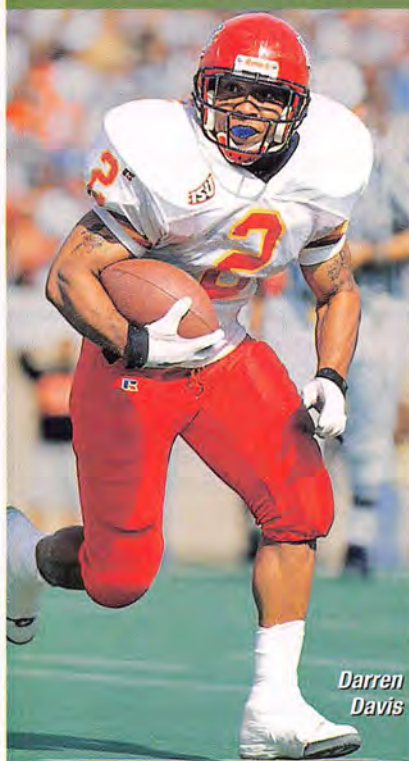
1. **Florida State:** Senior outside linebacker Sam Cowart is back after missing an entire season with a knee injury, and he'll team with hard-hitting senior middle linebacker Daryl Bush, a two-time Butkus Award semifinalist, and junior outside linebacker Lamont Green, a former *USA Today* prep player of the year.
2. **North Carolina:** Seniors Brian Simmons and Kivuusama Mays return with the possibility of making the Tar Heels' linebacking unit more feared in the ACC than Florida State's.
3. **Clemson:** Junior Anthony Simmons might be the best linebacker in the country, and he has three experienced buddies back to roam the middle of the Tigers' defense with him.
4. **Penn State:** Sophomore middle linebacker Brandon Short and senior outside linebackers Aaron Collins and Jim Nelson will remind Nittany Lions' fans of the great linebacking units of the past at Penn State.
5. **Auburn:** Junior inside linebacker Takeo Spikes and two other starters return in the middle of the Tigers' defense. Spikes was the only sophomore among the Butkus Award semifinalists last season.

Daryl Bush



I can fill those shoes

Here are players following some giant footsteps this season:



Darren Davis

1. Redshirt freshman tackle **TYSON WALTER** of Ohio State steps into the large cleats vacated by Orlando Pace, the first player taken in the NFL Draft.
2. Sophomore **DARREN DAVIS** of Iowa State is the perfect athlete to succeed brother Troy Davis. But big brother casts an enormous shadow after becoming the first college runner to post two 2,000-yard rushing seasons. Darren isn't as powerful, but he's more elusive.
3. Florida sophomore **DOUG JOHNSON** replaces Danny Wuerffel as the quarterback in coach Steve Spurrier's high-powered passing attack. Johnson will have to break just about every Florida passing record and win a couple of Heisman Trophies to surpass what Wuerffel did.
4. Florida State seniors **ANDRE WADSWORTH** and **GREG SPIRES** take over for dynamic ends Peter Boulware and Reinard Wilson, who had 32.5 sacks in '96.
5. Florida junior **JACQUEZ GREEN** and sophomore **JAMIE RICHARDSON** will burn their share of cornerbacks, but it will take some raging fires to make the Gator faithful forget the big-play exploits of Ike Hilliard and Reidel Anthony.

On a Star Trek

These are the emerging stars in this year's class of All-Americans:

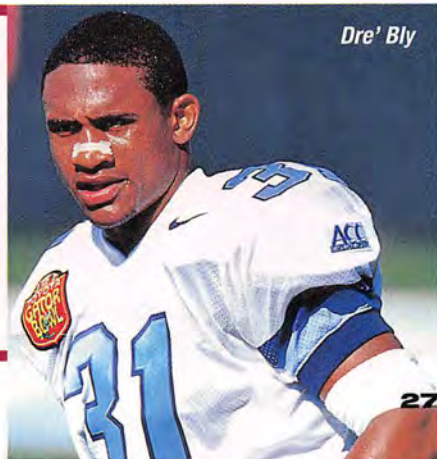
1. Clemson linebacker **Anthony Simmons**, a junior, is still scraping parts of running backs off his helmet from last season.
2. Iowa senior wide receiver **Tim Dwight** is the focus of the school's Heisman Trophy campaign.

3. North Carolina sophomore cornerback **Dre' Bly** led the nation in interceptions (11) as a freshman.

4. Kansas State junior linebacker **Travis Ochs** would tackle students on the way to classes if school officials would let him practice beyond the 20-hour-per-week NCAA-mandated time limits.

5. Stanford defensive end **Kailee Wong** recorded 12 sacks as a junior a year ago and was the defensive MVP in the Sun Bowl.

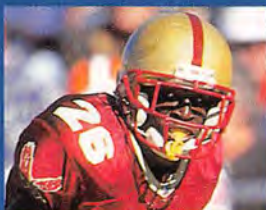
Dre' Bly



National Preview

Best Names in Football

Peerless Price, WR, Tennessee
Excel Lucas, S, Temple
Geoff Noisy, WR, Nevada
David Runner, RB, Western Carolina
Skip Hicks, RB, UCLA
Love Jefferson, TE, Washington State



Shalom Tolefree (above), CB, Boston College
Larry Bumpus, S, Oregon State
Jeramy Hunt-Loveless, LB, Utah State
Joey Goodspeed, FB, Notre Dame



Remember Me?

1. Miami senior JAMMI GERMAN missed last year because of a knee injury, but he should be the Hurricanes' best receiver.
2. Florida State senior linebacker SAM COWART injured his knee against Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl two seasons ago. He's healthy again.
3. Florida State quarterback CHRIS WEINKE signed with the Seminoles out of high school, but he spent the last five seasons playing baseball in the Toronto Blue Jays' minor league system. He's finally wearing the garnet and gold.
4. Kansas State senior running back ERIC HICKSON led the Jayhawks in rushing two years ago, but he broke his leg three weeks before the season opener and missed the entire year. He'll be ready to go this fall.
5. Penn State senior safety JASON COLLINS missed most of 1995 and all of '96 recovering from a broken leg, but he's roaming the secondary again.

Reasons to Watch in 1997

1. Marshall wide receiver RANDY MOSS. He may get time at quarterback and running back and who knows what else. Wherever he plays, he'll be exciting to watch.
2. NOTRE DAME: There's a newness about this traditional program. A new coach (Bob Davie), a new offense (one-back and three-receiver sets), and a newly renovated stadium (20,000 seats were added).



3. CHARLES WOODSON of Michigan intercepted a pass in one end zone as a cornerback and caught a TD in the other end zone as a receiver in the same half. He's a two-way dynamo.
4. STEVE SPURRIER. That offense, and that tongue. His teams are fun to watch, and, like him or not, he's fun to listen to.
5. Louisiana Tech tackle CHRIS CRUDUP. At 6-11 and 375 pounds, he's the biggest player in college football.



Best Secondary

1. **Washington:** Senior free safety Tony Parrish, one of four starters returning to a loaded secondary, may be better than former Huskie Lawyer Milloy.
2. **Michigan:** Junior cornerback Charles Woodson returns to smother the Big Ten's best receivers, and standout senior safety Marcus Ray is back to help.
3. **Arizona:** Junior cornerback Chris McAlister intercepted six passes a year ago and junior free safety Mikal Smith scored on two interception returns and a fumble return. The unit is back intact.
4. **USC:** Junior cornerback Daylon McCutcheon and senior cornerback Brian Kelly drove Pac-10 receivers batty, and they will again this year as they look to add to their combined 10 career interceptions.
5. **North Carolina:** Sophomore cornerback sensation Dre' Bly returns, as does everybody else in the secondary. Junior cornerback Robert Williams and senior safeties Omar Brown and Greg Williams are solid.

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GROUP 7 — RUNNING BACKS

- ☐ Robert Edwards, Georgia
- ☐ Michael Black, Washington St.
- ☐ Sedrick Irvin, Michigan St.
- ☐ Skip Mills, UCLA
- ☐ Demond Parker, Oklahoma

GROUP 1 — QUARTERBACKS

- ☐ Peyton Manning, Tennessee
- ☐ Donovan McNabb, Syracuse
- ☐ Doug Johnson, Florida
- ☐ Joe Germaine, Ohio St.
- ☐ Dan Gonzalez, East Carolina

GROUP 4 — RUNNING BACKS

- ☐ Ron Dayne, Wisconsin
- ☐ Kevin Faulk, LSU
- ☐ Ahman Green, Nebraska
- ☐ Atriy Denson, Notre Dame
- ☐ Pepe Pearson, Ohio St.

GROUP 8 — WIDE RECEIVERS

- ☐ Jaquez Green, Florida
- ☐ Marcus Nash, Tennessee
- ☐ Tim Dwight, Iowa
- ☐ D'wayne Bates, Northwestern
- ☐ Phil Savoy, Colorado

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GROUP 2 — QUARTERBACKS

- ☐ Ron Powlus, Notre Dame
- ☐ Damien Craig, Auburn
- ☐ James Brown, Texas
- ☐ Chris Keldorf, North Carolina
- ☐ Ryan Clement, Miami

GROUP 5 — RUNNING BACKS

- ☐ Rashaan Sheehee, Washington
- ☐ Scott Harley, East Carolina
- ☐ Robert Holcombe, Illinois
- ☐ Ricky Williams, Texas
- ☐ Curtis Enis, Penn St.

GROUP 9 — WIDE RECEIVERS

- ☐ Jammi German, Miami
- ☐ L. C. Stevens, North Carolina
- ☐ David Saunders, West Virginia
- ☐ E.G. Green, Florida St.
- ☐ Joe Jurevicious, Penn St.

GROUP 3 — QUARTERBACKS

- ☐ Ryan Leaf, Washington St.
- ☐ Cory Sauter, Minnesota
- ☐ Keith Smith, Arizona
- ☐ Scott Frost, Nebraska
- ☐ Thad Busby, Florida St.

GROUP 6 — RUNNING BACKS

- ☐ Raymond Priester, Clemson
- ☐ Silas Massey, Cent. Michigan
- ☐ Damon Washington, Colorado St.
- ☐ Amos Zereoue, West Virginia
- ☐ Dennis Riddle, Alabama

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PAC-10

Look for Washington at the head of the Pac and atop the polls.

BY DWIGHT CHAPIN
SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER

Steve Mariucci seemed like a perfect match with the California Golden Bears. After serving an apprenticeship with Mike Holmgren and the Green Bay Packers, he was beginning to build his own team in Berkeley, and there were enough good signs in a 6-6 season to indicate that his squad could quickly become a Pac-10 power. And then, even more quickly, he was gone, lured away by the challenge of one of the ultimate coaching jobs in the sport, with the San Francisco 49ers. Initially, the 49ers were interested in Mariucci as their offensive coordinator, but he said no to that. When the chance to replace George Seifert as head man was offered, he couldn't say no.

So, for the second time in two seasons, Cal is breaking in a new head coach, this time Tom Holmoe, a Mariucci assistant who has strong 49er ties himself. It's unlikely that Holmoe, who has to shore up a bad Bear defense, will have a telling impact on the Pac-10 race this season.

Washington is the Pac-10 favorite (and Street & Smith's preseason No. 1 team in the nation), followed by Stanford, which closed quickly in '96. It could be a real scramble after that, with everyone except Oregon State, which has a new coach in Mike Riley, potentially in the hunt for a bowl berth. That includes defending champion Arizona State, which likely will slip some because so many key players are gone. USC and UCLA aren't as dominant as they used to be, but both have enough talent to be a factor in what may well be a wide-open race, at least for the middle spots, and Arizona and Washington State look dangerous.

PREDICTIONS

1. Washington
2. Stanford
3. Arizona State
4. UCLA
5. USC
6. Arizona
7. Washington State
8. California
9. Oregon
10. Oregon State

STANFORD

Seven games into last season, the Cardinal was headed for disaster, with a 2-5 record. Then the team won five straight, finished in third place in the Pac-10, and walloped Michigan State 38-0 in the Sun Bowl. The turnaround was no illusion, and Tyrone Willingham's team looks poised for a title run this season behind one of the conference's top young

quarterbacks, the deepest corps of running backs in the league, and a defensive front that could be the best on The Farm in several years.

Big junior Chad Hutchinson, who's also a star baseball pitcher, came on strong, throwing for 2,134 yards and 10 touchdowns. He's supported by tailbacks Mike Mitchell (809 yards rushing) and Anthony Bookman and fullbacks Greg Comella and Jon Ritchie, along with wide receivers Damon Dunn (35 catches for a team-high 452 yards), who's also a kick-off-return ace, and Troy Walters.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Skip Hicks,
TB, UCLA

DEFENSE:

Jason Chorak,
LB, Washington

NEWCOMER:

Justin Vedder,
QB, California

GAMES TO WATCH

Tennessee at UCLA,
September 6

Florida State at USC,
September 6

Stanford at North
Carolina,
September 13

Nebraska at
Washington,
September 20

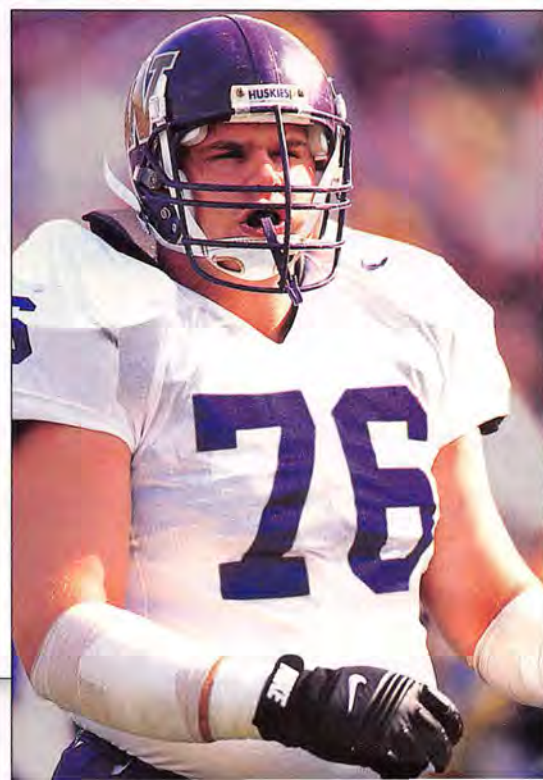
Arizona State at
Washington,
October 4

WASHINGTON

This is the kind of talent coach Jim Lambright has: Corey Dillon, who rushed for 1,555 yards, left early for the pros, but the Huskies can replace him with Rashaan Shehee, who might well turn out to be the best running back in the conference. He was sidelined much of last season with foot and ankle injuries, but rushed for 957 yards as a sophomore, and during the off-season was back to running a 4.3 in the 40. And he's far from the only weapon on a team that was 9-3 overall, second in the Pac-10 at 7-1, and advanced to the Holiday Bowl.

Sixteen starters return. Benji Olson, a first-team AP All-America who is coming off lower-back surgery, anchors the offensive line at guard, with help from center Olin Kreutz and tackles Tony Coats and Mostafa Sobhi. Brad Hutt, a transfer from Air Force, or Petrocelli Kesi could take over Bob Sapp's spot at the other guard. Sophomore left-hander Brock Huard (1,678 yards passing) has become so dominant that backup Shane Fortney decided to transfer. Huard will work with Shehee, fullbacks

Benji Olson, Washington





Lenzie Jackson, Arizona State

Three regulars—center Mike McLaughlin, guard Andrew Kroeker, and tackle Jeff Cronshagen—return on the line, as does tackle Geoff Wilson, a projected starter who was sidelined by a knee injury. Joe Fairchild or Desmond Cook may be at the other guard, with Tommy Hanson likely to replace 49er draftee Greg Clark at tight end. Kevin Miller, who held down place-kicking and punting duties, also returns.

Six starters are back on defense, led by Kailee Wong and Carl Hansen, All-America candidates, and Bryan Werner in the line. Chris Draft and Jon Haskins are among the league's best inside linebackers, and Alistair White is a capable cornerback. Anthony Willis should take over for the departed Pete Swanson at the other line spot, with either Donnie Spragan or Brian Toner replacing Brian Batson at outside linebacker. The Cardinal's major question is the secondary, where White and Corey Hill should be the corners, with fast-emerging Tim Smith and Kadar Hamilton at safety.

ARIZONA STATE

Jake Plummer is gone. So are Juan Roque, Derrick Rodgers, Keith Poole, Terry Battle, and several others from a team that went 11-0 overall and won the Pac-10 before losing by just three points to Ohio State in the Rose Bowl. Such a talent drain will make it difficult for coach Bruce Snyder's Sun Devils to defend their league title.

Tall (6-8), strong-armed junior Steve

Campbell is the likely successor to Plummer at quarterback. Michael Martin, who rushed for 475 yards in six games before injuring his neck, is at tailback, backed by J.R. Redmond, with Jeff Paulk (6.2 yards per carry) at fullback. Lenzie Jackson (36 receptions for 505 yards) is at one wide receiver spot, with Kenny Mitchell or Creig Spann at the other, and Kendrick Bates and Zack Romero competing at tight end. Grey Ruegamer will step into Roque's large shoes, with Troy Davis or

ALL-PAC-10 TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	Brock Huard	SO	Washington
RB	Rashaan Shehee	SR	Washington
RB	Skip Hicks	SR	UCLA
WR	Bobby Shaw	SR	California
WR	Damon Griffin	SR	Oregon
TE	Cameron Cleeland	SR	Washington
OL	Jason McEndoo	SR	Washington State
OL	Jeremy Newberry	JR	California
OL	Kyle Murphy	SR	Arizona State
OL	Benji Olson	JR	Washington
OL	Olin Kreutz	JR	Washington
PK	Robert Nycz	SR	Arizona State

DEFENSE

OLB	Jason Cholak	SR	Washington
DL	Joe Salave'a	SR	Arizona
DL	Kailee Wong	SR	Stanford
LB	Chris Draft	SR	Stanford
LB	Chester Burnett	SR	Arizona
LB	Pat Tillman	SR	Arizona State
LB	Brian Willmer	SR	UCLA
DB	Daylon McCutcheon	JR	USC
DB	Brian Kelly	SR	USC
DB	Chris McAlister	JR	Arizona
DB	Shaun Williams	SR	UCLA
P	Jim Wren	SR	USC

PAC-10

Thomas Schmidt at the other tackle. Joining them up front are Kyle Murphy, one of the Pac-10's best, and Glen Gable at guard, and Randy Leaphart at center.

The Sun Devils' 1996 success was due in large part to a defense that gave up just 17.8 points per game and 4.3 yards per play. Five starters are back, including three in the secondary: cornerbacks Jason Simmons and Courtney Jackson and strong safety Damien Richardson. Lamont Morgan moves from corner to free safety. The line could be a problem, without Rodgers, Shawn Swayda, and Brent Burnstein. The main candidates are Malchi Crawford, Derrick Ford, Hamilton Mee, Quincy Yancy, Jeremy Staat, and Vince Amey. Pat Tillman, the only returning regular at linebacker, may work with Paul Reynolds, transfer Joe Cesta, or Larry Johnson.

Senior Robert Nycz, a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award, is one of the nation's best placekickers.

UCLA

If coach Bob Toledo, in his second season, can steer his Bruins without undo mishap through an early-season schedule that includes bowl teams Tennessee, Texas, and Houston, they could make some noise in what looks like a wide-open Pac-10. Toledo didn't have a single player drafted by the pros, which means there was no notable talent in his senior class. Junior quarterback Cade McNown, who has ability if not consistency, is back to lead a team that was a little better than expected in 1996, going 5-6 overall and 4-4 in the Pac-10.

The Bruins have a terrific tailback in Skip Hicks, who ran for 1,034 yards and scored a school-record 20 touchdowns. He will run behind an experienced line that includes tackles Chad Overhauser—one of the Pac-10's best—and Kris Farris, guards Chad Sauter and Andy Meyers, and center Shawn Stuart. Craig Walendy returns at fullback, with Mike Grieb likely to replace Jamal Clark at tight end, and Jim McElroy (20.3 yards per catch) and Danny Farmer at wide receiver.

Coordinator Rocky Long did some tinkering with the defensive alignment. At the end of the spring workouts, the line starters were seniors Weldon Forde, Jeff Ruckman, and Darren Cline and junior Brendon Ayanbadejo. Jason Nevadomsky could join that group if he's fully recovered from shoulder

surgery. The inside linebackers are Brian Willmer, who was the defensive MVP, and Danjuan Magee. Three regulars are gone in the secondary, so there could be some juggling, though honors candidate Shaun Williams is set at free safety and Javelin Guidry (spring knee surgery) at one corner. Wasswa Serwanga enters the fall No. 1 at rover, with Aaron Roques probable at the other corner and Larry Atkins at strong safety. All-league placekicker Bjorn Merten is gone, so punter Chris Sailer, a prep All-America in a dual role, may assume all the kicking duties.

USC

Coming off a 6-6 season filled with close losses, coach John Robinson's Trojans have something to prove on several levels and at several positions. Some 14 starters return, but Robinson must find a starting quarterback to replace Brad Otton, two defensive tack-

Shaun Williams, UCLA



Brian Kelly, USC

les—one of them to step into the oversized shoes of No. 2 overall NFL draft pick Darrell Russell—a linebacker, and a tight end. Still, the Trojans are coming off a victory over Notre Dame that



snapped a 13-year jinx, and, as usual, they have plenty of good players.

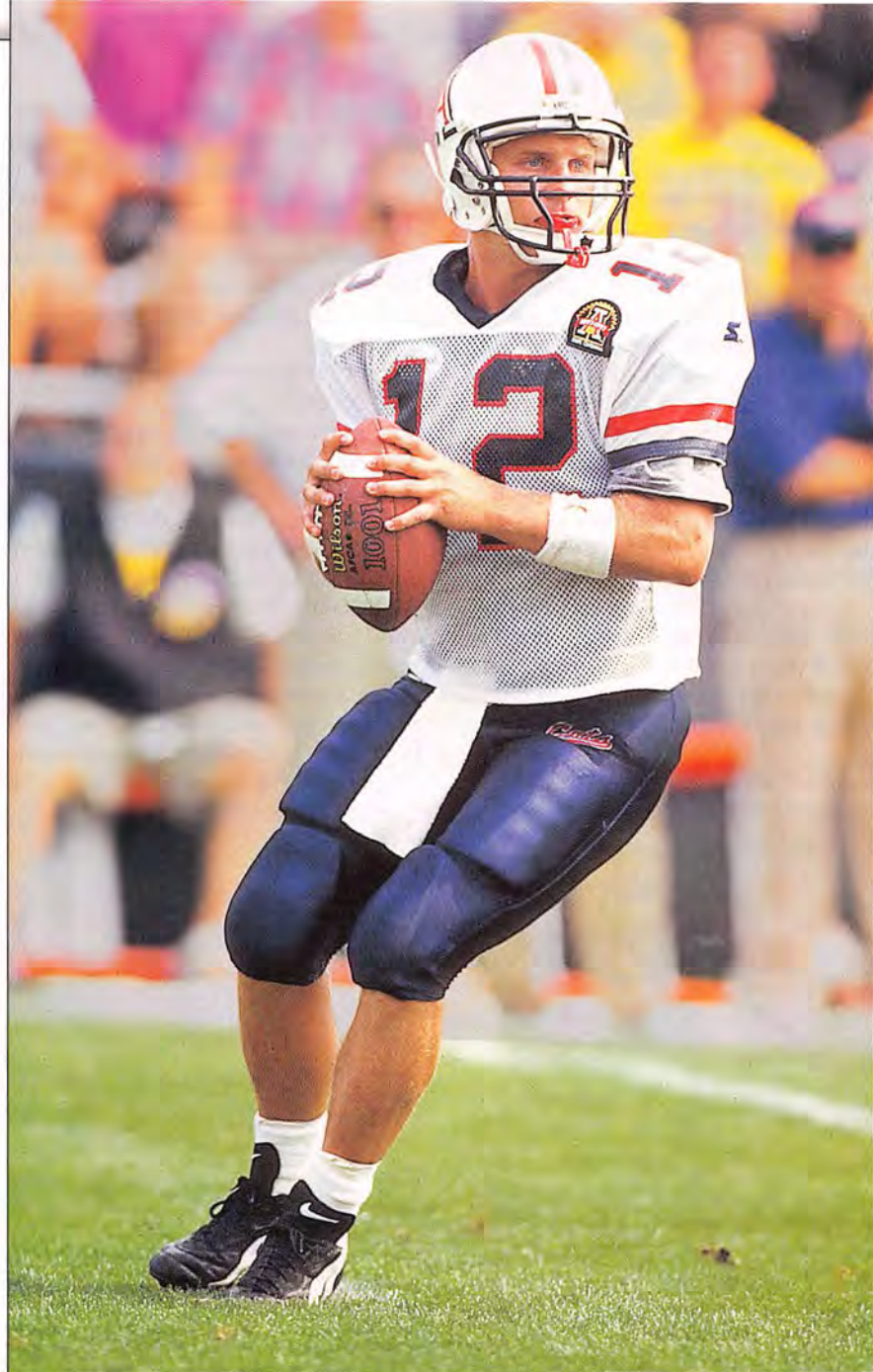
Sophomores John Fox and Quincy Woods and redshirt frosh Mike Van Raaphorst are bidding to be the new No. 1 quarterback. Their inexperience probably will mean Robinson will rely more on his running game, which will feature tailback Delon Washington (1,649 career yards), fullbacks Rodney Sermons and LaVale Woods, and JC transfer Jabari Jackson. Mike Bastianelli and Billy Miller are the wide receivers, with help from explosive sophomore R. Jay Soward. Except for tight end John Allred, the offensive line is back intact: Travis Claridge, a freshman All-America, and Chris Brymer at guard, Ken Bowen and Rome Douglas at tackle, and Jonathan Himebauch at center. Junior Rickman gets first call at tight end.

Cornerbacks Daylon McCutcheon and Brian Kelly are All-America candidates, and Grant Pearsall started at strong safety. Joining them in the secondary are free safeties Chad Morton and Darnell Lacy. Freshman All-America Chris Claiborne and Mark Cusano are the leaders at linebacker, where Sammy Knight will be missed. Ryan Tyiska may take his spot. The line is a concern, since only potential all-star end George Perry returns. Cedric Jefferson, Marc Matock, Aaron Williams, and Shamsud-Din Shaheed are among those vying for time. Jim Wren was seventh in the nation in punting (45.6-yard average).

ARIZONA

The Wildcats' famed Desert Swarm defense slipped to seventh in total "D" in the conference. And the team's record fell along with it, to 5-6 overall and 3-5 in the Pac-10. But Rich Ellerson, designer of that once bristling defense, is back after a year as coach at Southern Utah, and he could help head man Dick Tomey rejuvenate the 'Cats.

The strength is in the secondary, where starters Chris McAlister, Kelly Malveaux, David Fipp, and Mikal Smith return and redshirt Rashee Johnson is back after a year off. Tomey will get a boost in the line, too, because senior tackle Joe Salave'a, one of the Pac-10's best, was given another year of eligibility through an NCAA ruling. He'll team up front with ends Steve Tafua and Mike Szlauko, tackle Daniel Greer, and outside linebacker Jimmy Sprotte. Leading tackler Chester Burnett is at one inside linebacker spot, with Marcus Bell and DaShon Polk contesting for the other. JC All-America Ryan



Keith Smith, Arizona

Springston should take over for all-purpose kicker Matt Peyton as the punter.

The 'Cats were inconsistent offensively in '96. They lost leading rusher Gary Taylor and tailback Leon Callen, who is out after spring knee surgery. But sophomore quarterback Keith Smith (1,996 yards in total offense) has loads of potential, and he also has a capable backup in senior Brady Batten. Kevin Schmidtke and Trung Canidate are the tailbacks, with Kelvin Eafon and Charles Myles sharing time at fullback. Mike Lucky is a big target at tight end, with Jeremy McDaniel (31 catches for 607 yards), Rodney Williams, and Dennis Northcutt at wide receiver. Senior tackle Jose Portilla will anchor a line that will be without Frank Middleton and Wayne Wyatt.

WASHINGTON STATE

After an opening loss at Colorado, the Cougars rolled to a 5-2 record and looked as if they were on the way to a bowl. Instead, they hit the wall, losing their last four games to finish 5-6 overall and 3-5 in the Pac-10. So, although they have 14 starters back, it's anyone's guess what will happen this season. Much will depend on the continued maturation of 6-6 junior quarterback Ryan Leaf, who has the potential to be the best in the conference. He was second in the league and 17th nationally in total offense with 2,675 yards.

Leaf will be aided by running back

Michael Black (948 yards), receivers Kevin McKenzie (31 catches for 626 yards in a reserve role), Shawn Tims, and Shawn McWashington, and a line that includes honors candidate Jason McEndoo, Ryan McShane, and Cory Withrow. Love Jefferson should be the new tight end, with Rob Rainville and Reed Raymond at tackle as McEndoo shifts over to guard. Mike Sage is at the other guard spot. The Cougars will miss pro draftee Scott Sanderson at tackle. Sophomore Rian Lindell is the leading candidate to replace departed placekicker Tony Truant, with Jeff Banks returning as the punter.

Coach Mike Price can call on seven defenders with starting experience. The best of those is senior end Dorian Boose. He will work up front with end Shane Doyle and tackles Gary Holmes and

Ryan Leaf, Washington State



Leon Bender. The Cougars have a stand-out at linebacker in senior Brandon Moore, who was second on the team in tackles. Todd Nelson and Steve Gleason will join Moore at the other linebacking spots, with Dee Moronkola and Jermaine Hunsaker on the corners and Ray Jackson and Duane Stewart at safety.

CALIFORNIA

Despite the loss of big offensive guns such as tight end Tony Gonzalez, quarterback Pat Barnes, and tackle Tarik Glenn, defense is the priority for new coach Tom Holmoe. The Bears were 6-6 overall last season and went to the Aloha Bowl, but they were last in the Pac-10 in defense and 105th nationally, giving up 460.3 yards a game. Holmoe plucked new defensive coordinator Lyle Setencich from Arizona State, and he'll be working with nine returning regulars.

Senior tackle Brandon Whiting is the

leader of a potentially strong line that includes Notre Dame transfer John McLaughlin, Chris Easley, and either Jerry DeLoach or Jeremiah Parker. Freshman Andre Carter may be a factor. Starting linebackers Matt Beck, Andre Rhodes, and Nate Geldermann return, as do cornerbacks Kato Serwanga and Derrick Gardner and strong safety Marquis Smith. David Burnside or Pete Destafano may be at free safety. All-purpose kicker Ryan Longwell has departed, so Holmoe will look to redshirt freshman Nick Harris and new punters Ignacio Brache and Tim Wolleck.

JC transfer Justin Vedder is the new quarterback. He'll have veteran receivers in Bobby Shaw (58 catches) and Dameane Douglas and transfer Bruce Pierre. Tarik Smith could be a terror at tailback if he has recovered from knee surgery. He'll be supported by Deltha O'Neal and Brandon Willis, and fullback Marc Vera. Converted guard Reid Diehl may replace Gonzalez, with center Jeremy Newberry, a strong pro prospect, leading an interior line that includes Kursten Sheridan at one tackle and John Welbourn and Caleb Brown or John Romero at guard. Transfer Jeff Martin and returnee Kevin Swillis could also figure.

OREGON

The Ducks couldn't rise much above mediocrity in 1996. They finished 6-5—their third straight winning season for the first time in three decades—but they were only 3-5 in the conference, mainly because of a defense that was ranked eighth in the league in points allowed and ninth in yards surrendered. Coach Mike Bellotti thinks that unit will be better, albeit inexperienced. And some key offensive performers are gone, notably quarterbacks Tony Graziani and Ryan Perry-Smith and tight end Josh Wilcox.

Offensively, the strength is at running back, where senior tailback Saladin McCullough gained 685 yards and scored 15 touchdowns in just seven games. There's a question, however, about his durability. A.J. Jelks and Eric Winn are the top fullbacks. Damon Griffin (43 catches for 711 yards) and Pat Johnson lead a veteran receiving corps, but someone has to emerge at quarterback, where Jason Maas, A.J. Feeley, and transfer Akili Smith are the hopefuls. Senior Blake Spence replaces Wilcox, but Bellotti must replace four starters in his line, which returns only tackle David Weber.

The defensive line is green, too. The



leader is 305-pound senior end Desmond Byrd. Chris Vandiver and Ryan Klaasan will work at inside linebacker, with help from transfer Jeff Simpson. Matt Lofrano, Peter Sirmon, and Jeff Branson move in

Tim Alexander, Oregon State



as the new outside linebackers. Two-time All-America cornerback Kenny Wheaton will be difficult to replace, but the Ducks are better stocked in the secondary than in some areas, with safeties Jaiya Figueras, Chris Young, and Brandon McLemore. The kickers are veterans Josh Bidwell (41.2-yard average on punts) and Joshua Smith (school-record 42 PATs).

OREGON STATE

Mike Riley, a home-grown product, is the latest coach to try to resurrect a program that has been down for so long. Riley grew up in Corvallis when his dad, Bud, was a Beaver assistant in the 1960s. He has gone on to build an impressive coaching reputation in the Canadian Football League, the WIAA, and, most recently, as John Robinson's offensive coordinator and assistant head coach at USC. Beaver backers can only hope he's as good a fit as he looks in replacing the luckless Jerry Pettibone after a 2-9 season that included another last-place finish (1-7) in the Pac-10. Riley is aware that the Beavers haven't had a

Tarik Smith, California

winning season since 1970.

Riley's first team at OSU is unlikely to break that long string. He just doesn't have the athletes yet. Eventually, he'll be aiming for a balanced offense, but for now he may have to keep at least some of Pettibone's option attack, with run-oriented Tim Alexander (566 yards rushing and just 328 passing in seven games). Leading rusher Akili King is gone, but DeShawn Williams has potential at tailback. In addition to Alexander, just three offensive starters are back: flanker Roddy Tompkins, tight end Joe Kuykendall, and guard Freddie Perez. Placekicker Randy Lund could be pushed by newcomer Jose Cortez.

The defensive line is sorely lacking experience. End Inoke Brecketerfield is the lone returning regular. Linebackers Nathan McAtee, Brian Rogers, Anthony Murray, and Bryan Jones all have been starters, as have backs Robert Ruffin, Buster Elahee, Armon Hatcher, Andrae Holland, and Larry Bumpus, a regular in 1995, at free safety.

BIG WEST

Everybody in the Big West is still trying to catch Nevada.

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The Big West spent much of the off-season trying to get NCAA approval for a December 29 bowl game in Boise that would pit the conference champion against a worthy contender. For the first time in a while, there was relative stability in the ranks of the league's teams, which may have been the major news after several seasons of shifting alliances and geographical boundaries.

The Big West race seems to be following a familiar script, too. Everybody is trying to catch Nevada. The Wolf Pack technically tied Utah State for the 1996 championship, but convincingly won a head-to-head matchup with the Aggies to advance to last season's big prize, the Las Vegas Bowl. In the 1990s, Nevada has won five championships outright in the Big Sky and Big West conferences, and shared in two others.

Despite a difficult schedule, the Wolf Pack is the team to beat again, with Utah State providing the primary competition once more. North Texas State seems to have made the most improvement among the other contenders. Idaho may have slipped a bit because of personnel losses, while Boise State and New Mexico State, who are breaking in new coaches, don't appear ready to contend yet.

PREDICTIONS

1. Nevada
2. Utah State
3. North Texas
4. Idaho
5. Boise State
6. New Mexico State

Myles heads a much-improved defense that again features James Cannida, Aaron Lozano, Justin Tenpenny, and George Jones up front and Don Morgan at cornerback. Junior Damon Shea, all-Big-West in 1996, is one of the nation's best placekickers.

UTAH STATE

The Aggies needed only to beat Nevada to win the conference title outright. They lost 54-27, but still wound up as co-champions, at 4-1, and went 6-5 overall, just their second winning record in the last 16 years.

Coach John Smith appears to have enough weapons, particularly on offense, to challenge for another title. Leading an attack that was seventh-best in the nation in passing and ninth-best overall are: quarterback Matt Sauk, who threw for 2,489 yards; his favorite target, Nakia Jenkins, who was among the national leaders with 82 catches for 1,397 yards; and running back Demario Brown, who rushed for 100 yards or more in three of the final four games.

All-Big West tackle Mauricio Jourdan rejoins Mark Rommel, Ken Watts, and Brandon Dyson up front, plus talented tight end Guillermo Chavez.

There may be a void in the kicking game, with Micah Knorr and punter Nathan Morreale, two of the best in school history, gone. But the defense, No. 3 in the Big West, returns linemen Adam Jones, Walter Fiebia, and Ben Crosland, linebacker Jeramy Hunt-Loveless, and free safety Johnndale Carty, the leading returning tackler.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

John Dutton,
QB, Nevada

DEFENSE:

DeShone Myles,
LB, Nevada

NEWCOMER:

Corbin Epps,
DL, North Texas

GAME TO WATCH

Utah State at Utah,
August 30

UNLV at Nevada,
September 6

Utah State at Nevada,
November 15

NEVADA

The Wolf Pack barely missed a beat when Chris Ault suddenly returned to a full-time role as athletic director and Jeff Tisdell replaced him as coach. The team went 8-3 overall, tied for the conference championship at 4-1, won the Las Vegas Bowl, and swept Big West individual honors. Tisdell was Coach of the Year, quarterback John Dutton was Offensive Player of the Year, and linebacker DeShone Myles was Defensive Player of the Year. The scary prospect for league rivals is that all three are back.

The offense, the nation's best the last two seasons, will be led by Dutton, who passed for 2,750 yards and 22 touchdowns in '96. He'll work with veteran receivers Geoff Noisy (98 catches for a whopping 1,435 yards) and Trevor Insley and running backs Chris Lemon (867 yards) and Alex Gresham (team-best 6 yards per carry). Starters Mike Edwards, Jason Sadler, and Pat Freeman return in the line.

Matt Sauk, Utah State



NORTH TEXAS

Surprisingly, the Mean Green, in their initial Big West campaign, improved from 2-9 in 1995 to 5-6 a year ago, the ninth-best turnaround in Division I-A. They tied Idaho for third in conference play with a 3-2 mark.

If he can get some offensive improvement, coach Matt Simon thinks his team can contend for a Big West championship. The Eagles—that's their other nickname—were last in the league in total, rushing, and passing offense. Junior running back Hut Allred (907 yards) will carry much of the load, but more production is needed from quarterback Jason Mills and the receiving trio of Bo Harrison, Kendrick Hollie, and Tubby Coleman. All-Big West center Phillip Armour is the top lineman back.

The defense, solid in '96, is without Scott Murphy, Brad Spinks, and top tacklers Brett Renfro and Justin Ray, but it should be very good again. New Mexico transfer Corbin Epps joins Robert Grant, Darrell Williams, and Andre Phillips up front, with all-

Big West honorees Benny Cherry and Ron Boston back at linebacker. All-conference free safety Dhathi Lew rejoins strong safety Ron Riley and cornerback Detrion Woodson in the secondary. Transfers John Baker and Garrett Courtney inherit the kicking duties.

IDAHO

The Vandals made a smooth transition to Division I-A last fall, going 6-5 overall, finishing 3-2 in conference play, and handing Nevada its only Big West defeat. This season could be a good deal tougher, considering that coach Chris Tormey will have to confront major losses on offense and defense. Gone are quarterback Ryan Fien, who directed the nation's No. 4 passing offense and No. 5 total offense, and defensive stalwarts Ryan Phillips, Barry Mitchell, and Jason Shelt.

Senior Brian Brennan, who's been slowed by a shoulder injury, will step in for the prolific Fien, working with Big West-leading rusher Joel Thomas (1,120 yards) and receivers Antonio Wilson (65 catches for 1,203 yards) and Robert Scott (50-737). The offensive line could be a concern, even though center Bill Verdonk and tackle Crosby Tajan return. Newcomers Doug Lumsargis and Mike McAllister will see playing time.

Tackle Tim Wilson heads an inexperienced defensive line, with Whitney Mayer and part-time starter Matt Jasik at outside linebacker. The secondary looks solid with Bryson Gardner, Kevin Hill, Arnold Gunn, and Ryan McGinnis. Punter Mike O'Neal and placekicker Troy Scott are veterans.

BOISE STATE

Ex-Murray State coach Houston Nutt replaces the late Pokey Allen, who lost a two-year battle with cancer in December. He faces a tough rebuilding job with a Bronco team that was just 2-10 overall and 1-4 in the Big West. Four-year starting quarterback Tony Hilde is gone. Running back Reggie Etheridge (811 yards rushing, team-high 25 receptions) may have to shoulder even more of the load. There's little experience at quarterback, where JC transfer Nate Sparks enters the mix, or at wide receiver. Tony Mamaril (19 catches) is the only wideout with much playing time. The line is in better shape, with returning starters Jermaine Belin, Keith Dilworth, Ryan Groneman, and Joey Horvat. Place-



John Dutton, Nevada

kicker Todd Belcastro and punter Jeff Davis also return.

The defensive line is green. Only tackles Jon Rydman and Jay Gibson are back. A new-look linebacking corps features Ryan Brinkley and Kevin Chiles outside and former fullback and tight end Bryan Johnson and maybe Cheyenne Pietri, Faraja Greathouse, or Chad Heimgartner inside. Starters return at three secondary spots: Ross Farris and Jason Payne, back after knee surgery, on the corners and Jeff Davis at free safety.

NEW MEXICO STATE

Long-time Nebraska assistant coach Tony Samuel takes over an Aggie program that was just 22-55 in seven seasons under Jim Hess, and could manage only a 1-10 record in 1996. "The number one thing right now is to try to create some kind of unity," said Samuel,

who worked primarily with the Cornhusker defensive ends and linebackers and has a reputation of being a top recruiter. Samuel will try to give his best player, junior running back Denvis Manns (1,086 yards rushing), some help by going to a two-back, power-I set. But who will run the team is uncertain now that quarterback Chad Salisbury has transferred. Other offensive veterans include wide receiver Duane Gregory, tight end Charles Birdwell, and linemen George Hudson and Jared Schmidt.

The defense was one of the nation's worst, yielding 455 yards and 53 touchdowns. Samuel will go from a 5-2 front to a 4-3. DuShane Briggs is the only returning regular in the line. Joining him are seniors Enrique Ramirez and Jerry Atkinson, former outside linebackers. Sean L'Ecluse and Kendrie Nichols have starting experience at linebacker, and four newcomers, including transfers Marcus Woods and Terrence Davis, will contend in the secondary.

WEST INDEPENDENTS

The beat goes on at St. Mary's for the highly successful Gaels.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Sean Laird,
QB, St. Mary's

DEFENSE:

Brett Sagaser,
LB, Cal Poly

NEWCOMER:

Matt Cannon,
QB, Southern Utah

GAMES TO WATCH

Cal Poly at St. Mary's,
September 27

Southern Utah at
St. Mary's,
November 15

ST. MARY'S

Gael boosters have become accustomed to winning. St. Mary's has strung together ten straight winning seasons, including a 7-3 record last year. Coach Mike Rasmussen, 46-23-1 in seven seasons, expects further success. The Gaels averaged 31.2 points (16th in the nation) and 385.4 yards in total offense per game and return senior quarterback Sean Laird, who should break all of the school's career passing records this fall.

Laird finished third in the nation with a 160.3 passing efficiency rating, throwing for 2,200 yards and 22 touchdowns and only four interceptions. He added 103 yards and five touchdowns rushing. Five other starters return on offense, providing an experienced line and a rushing attack to complement the nation's 18th ranked passing attack. Senior Ed Williams (562 yards) hopes to rebound from an injury-shortened year and add to his 1,523 career rushing yards, which rank sixth in school history. He'll be joined by sophomores Brandin Young (67 carries for 321 yards) and Darin Maxwell and fullback Peter Sousa. A group of young receivers must step up to replace the departed tandem of Blake Tuffli and Ricky Ellis (1,425 yards and 17 TDs combined in '96).

The defense allowed 22.4 points and 381.3 yards per game, but it should be improved with the return

of seven starters. Senior Josh Kroeze, who missed the '96 season due to injury, will reclaim his spot on the line. St. Mary's was fourth in the nation in turnover margin (+1.70), thanks to 12 interceptions and 20 fumble recoveries. Seniors Bruce Caron and Andrew Costantino anchor the linebacking corps. Three starters are back in the secondary.

CAL POLY

Despite posting the nation's seventh-ranked I-AA offense, the Mustangs finished 5-6. New head coach Larry Welsh, who replaces the departed Andre Patterson, will have 18 returning starters, including nine on offense, to work with. Welsh, the fifth-winningest scholastic coach in California history, boasts a 192-37-1 career record.

Wide receiver Kamil Loud, a 1995 All-America, is the school's all-time career leader in yards. He had 60 catches for 1,042 yards and seven touchdowns last fall. Antonio Warren (1,111 yards rushing in '95)

returns from an injury suffered in last year's opener. Running back Craig Young (844 yards) filled in nicely. His 283 yards against St. Mary's broke a 15-year-old single-game rushing record at Cal Poly. Quarterbacks Alli Abrew (2,048 yards and 10 TDs) and Nate Ecklund (692 yards) return, as do all six

starters up front, including Pat Behr and all-star center Doug Lichtenberger.

Senior linebacker Brett Sagaser, who had four sacks and led the team with 16 tackles for losses, is the leader on defense. Kiko Griffin, the top returning tackler, Andy Nicholson, and Ed Wynn head a talented secondary.

PREDICTIONS

1. St. Mary's
2. Cal Poly
3. Southern Utah

SOUTHERN UTAH

Change is the theme at Southern Utah, where the Thunderbirds will have their second new head coach in as many years. There is plenty to build on, however. Ray Gregory, last year's offensive coordinator, takes the reins of the nation's No. 1 I-AA rushing team from Rich Ellerson. He looks to improve on the Thunderbirds' 4-7 record by improving the offensive balance and returning to basics on defense.

Southern Utah won't need to change much of the running game, which averaged 331.5 yards. It returns fullback Brook Madsen, who led I-AA fullbacks with 1,405 yards, and slotbacks Roosevelt Miller (312 yards) and Terry Rose (366). Senior quarterback Joe Dupaix (630 yards passing) set a I-AA record for yards rushing by a quarterback (1,246) last year. There are high hopes for freshman Matt Cannon, who will back up Dupaix. Guard Adam Black and tackle Curtis Cook return on the line.

Two-time All-America Jeff Galyean, the school's all-time sack leader, must be replaced, but a corps of starters returns. Leading tackler Clay Marshall heads the linebacking, and sophomore free safety Chad Huntsman gained valuable experience last season. Junior tackle Ahaz Griffeth anchors the line.



Alli Abrew, Cal Poly

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Brigham Young will make a run for another league title.

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The Western Athletic Conference is the Gheorghe Muresan of college football. You know: enormous, a bit awkward but with untapped potential, and compelling. How else would you explain the inaugural WAC championship game getting television ratings that surpassed the SEC and Big 12 title games played on the same day last December?

Still, the 16-team megaleague has some image problems. As much as the WAC would like to consider itself a big-time football conference, the Bowl Alliance people think otherwise. That the WAC wasn't invited to join the Alliance was the first clue. The second, and even more ego-deflating message, came when No. 5 BYU, at the time the proud owner of a 13-1 record and a WAC title, was denied one of the two at-large Alliance berths.

The Cougars were the top-ranked team available. Instead, the at-large bids (and the \$8.5 million windfalls to their respective conferences) went to Nebraska and Penn State. BYU was relegated to the \$2 million Cotton Bowl. To make matters worse, only two teams, BYU and Utah, went bowling at all. Wyoming, despite a glossy 10-2 record and a No. 22 national ranking, stayed home for the holidays.

There will be at least three bowl bids for the WAC this season. The champion will go to either the Cotton or Holiday, the runner-up will be headed to the Copper, and a third team is slated to play in the new and improved Las Vegas Bowl.

Will there be three bowl-worthy WAC teams? In an offensive-minded league noted for its quarterbacks, there are strikingly few returning QB stars. Gone are Air Force's Beau Morgan, BYU's Steve Sarkisian, Wyoming's Josh Wallwork, and San Diego State's Billy Blanton. In fact, 10 of the 16 teams will be breaking in new starting quarterbacks. Plus, there are four new head coaches.

Cougars have never been so loaded in the backfield. They showed their impressive rushing attack in their winner-take-all division-title battle against Utah to close the regular season. McKenzie, now a senior, ran for 176 yards and a score, while speedy soph Jenkins rushed for 156 yards and three touchdowns in BYU's 37-17 romp. Snowden, a redshirt freshman, is said to be the equal of McKenzie and Jenkins. Johnson averaged 5.5 yards per carry. Bookend tackles John Tait (6-7, 290) and Eric Bateman (6-7, 315) head an impressive line. Junior Paul Shoemaker won the quarterback job in the spring over Riley Jensen and Kevin Feterik. The receivers lack experience, but they will be solid. Freshman Brandon Stephens, a prep All-America from Logan, Utah, will step in at tight end.

Nine defensive starters, led by all-WAC corner Omarr Morgan, return. Rejoining him are linebackers Brad Martin, who recovered seven fumbles, and Spencer Reid, and four linemen.

The Cougars, owners of the nation's longest winning streak (12 games), open the season at home against the only team that beat them a year ago: Washington.

PREDICTIONS

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1. Brigham Young
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6. New Mexico
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8. UTEP

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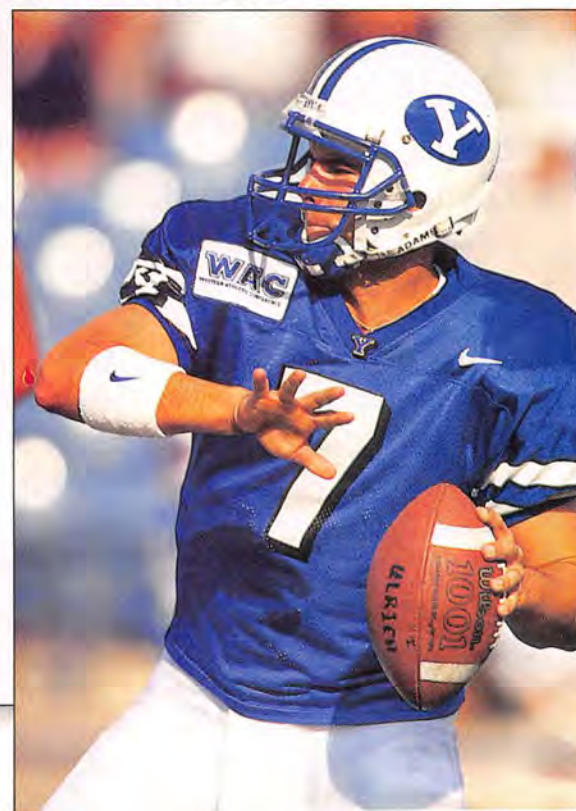
RICE

The Owls surprised everyone by finishing in a tie for second in the Mountain Division with a 6-2 record (7-4 overall). With 15 starters returning, Ken Hatfield's club could contend for the title this season.

The Owls' spread-option offense averaged a school-record 305 rushing yards.

During the final seven games—when Rice went 6-1—it gained 376 yards per game. Most of the main ingredients return. Senior quarterback Chad Nelson, who

Kevin Feterik, Brigham Young



TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Moses Moreno,
QB, Colorado State

DEFENSE:

Chris Gizzi,
LB, Air Force

NEWCOMER:

Rodrick Johnson,
RB, UNLV

GAMES TO WATCH

Washington at BYU,
September 6

Colorado State at
Colorado,
September 6

Colorado State at
San Diego State,
November 22

MOUNTAIN DIVISION

BRIGHAM YOUNG

Call the folks at Ripley's, because, believe it or not, opponents may actually want the Cougars to throw the football this season. After a quarter-century of featuring a fear-inducing passing game, BYU has a scary running attack.

The Cougars lost their quarterback, two NFL-caliber tight ends, and two wide receivers from last year's 14-1 Cotton Bowl championship team. But with running backs Brian McKenzie, Ronney Jenkins, Dustin Johnson, and Will Snowden around—not to mention a veteran offensive line—who needs them?

"We may never throw another pass," said Cougars coach LaVell Edwards.

He was joking. After 25 wildly successful seasons at BYU, Edwards isn't about to scrap the passing game that put Provo on the college football map. Still, the

gained 801 yards on 128 carries, will again run the show. Chad Richardson, who started three of the last four games after Nelson was hurt, is the better passer. Then there's Jeremy Bates, a transfer who so impressed the coaches during the spring that he moved ahead of Richardson on the depth chart. Fullback Benji Wood returns, as do running backs Michael Perry (656 yards), Keilone Gordon, Mike Gingrich, and Rodd Newhouse. A newcomer to watch is Anthony Griffin, a redshirt freshman with sprinter's speed. Four starters are back on the line. The left side should be particularly strong with junior guard Charles Torello and senior tackle Mark Spinner.

The Owls' top three tacklers are all back: linebackers Thomas Benford and Rashad Reynolds and safety Karlon Bedford. End Andy Clifton returns, as does cornerback LaDoughyous McCalla.

The Owls play both conference teams that beat them last year, BYU and Air Force, at Rice Stadium this time. Non-league games of note include a home battle against Texas and a road trip to Northwestern.

UTAH

Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala has a huge surname, but it's nothing compared to his body. The 6-0 junior from Honolulu tipped the scales last year at 285 pounds. The Ute coaches would like to see him closer to 270. Despite his build, Fuamatu-Ma'afala is deceptively fast. His combination of strength, girth, and speed have enabled him to rush for 1,814 yards in two seasons with Ron McBride's club. Trying to tackle him one-on-one in the open field is a linebacker's nightmare. He rushed for 982 yards and earned all-WAC honors despite missing three games late in the season after arthroscopic knee surgery.

Backing up Fuamatu-Ma'afala for a third straight year will be senior Juan Johnson, who has rushed for 700-plus yards in each of the past two seasons. Jonathan Crosswhite, a JC transfer who redshirted last year, is the likely replacement at quarterback for Mike Fouts. Senior all-WAC receiver Kevin Dyson (53 catches for 812 yards) is a deep threat.

The Utes, led by cornerback Clarence Lawson, had the top pass defense in the WAC. But if they want to return to a bowl game for the fifth time in six seasons, they'll need to cut the 214 yards rushing per game they surrendered last year. Utah expects a big year out of junior tackle Pene

Talamaivao and new linebacker Phil Glover, a transfer from Washington State. Robert Love, who led the Utes in tackles last year as a linebacker, will return to his more natural position of strong safety.

SOUTHERN METHODIST

Since suffering the NCAA's so-called "death penalty" in the late 1980s, the Mustangs have yet to record a winning season. Last year was oh-so-close, but SMU came up just shy with a 5-6 overall mark, including 4-4 in the WAC.

Despite the improvement, head coach Tom Rossley was given his walking papers. Mike Cavan, most recently the head man at East Tennessee State and a long-time Georgia assistant, was hired.

A winning season in '97 is not out of the question, especially with shifty quarterback Ramon Flanigan back after being granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA. Flanigan helped produce 22.4 points per game last year. That may not seem like much by WAC standards, but it was the school's best in 11 years. SMU is 9-15-2 in games Flanigan has started, and 0-17-1 in games he didn't start over the same time frame. Running back Donte Womack (887 yards) is also back for his senior season.

Eight defensive regulars return, including inside linebacker Chris Bordano, who averaged 11.3 tackles. SMU gave up 24.3 points per game, its lowest-scoring defense since 1985.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN

Jeff Dover started at quarterback for the Horned Frogs last season as a freshman. He put up respectable numbers (1,456 yards passing and nine touchdowns), but he will have to prove his worth to hold off sophomore trans-



Jeff Dover, Texas Christian

fers Derek Canine (SMU) and Kevin Colon (Texas A&M). It should make for an interesting battle this fall.

One player whose starting job is safe is Basil Mitchell. He rushed for 953 yards last season, the most ever for a TCU sophomore. He also caught 40 passes for 344 yards. Coach Pat Sullivan's other top offensive threat is speedster Jason Tucker, who caught 39 passes for 692 yards.

TCU returns five starters on defense, including four of the top six tacklers. New defensive coordinator Phil Bennett, who comes to Fort Worth after holding a similar position at Texas A&M, will look to end Matt Harper, linebacker Scott Taft, and safety Chris Staten as the nucleus from which to build.

Perhaps the biggest strength for TCU is its kicking game. Michael Reeder, an All-America in '95, returns for his senior season. He made 23 of 25 field goals as a sophomore, but struggled a bit last year, hitting just 11 of 20. He has yet to miss an extra point in his career (74-of-74). Royce Huffman averaged 42.6 yards per punt.

ALL-ROCKIES TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	Moses Moreno	SR	Colorado State
RB	Lennox Gordon	JR	New Mexico
RB	Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala	JR	Utah
RB	Damon Washington	JR	Colorado State
WR	Az Hakim	SR	San Diego State
WR	Kevin Dyson	SR	Utah
WR	Wes Caswell	SR	Tulsa
TE	Brandon Stephens	FR	BYU
OL	Kyle Turley	SR	San Diego State
OL	Jay Korth	SR	Wyoming
OL	Charles Torello	JR	Rice
OL	Anthony Cesario	JR	Colorado State
OL	Eric Bateman	JR	BYU
PK	Cory Wedel	SR	Wyoming

DEFENSE

DL	Adrian Ross	SR	Colorado State
DL	Matt Harper	SR	TCU
DL	Jeff Leonard	SR	Wyoming
OL	Sean O'Boyle	SR	Tulsa
LB	A.J. Gass	SR	Fresno State
LB	Chris Gizzi	SR	Air Force
LB	Jim Talich	SR	Wyoming
LB	Chris Bordano	SR	SMU
DB	Omar Morgan	SR	BYU
DB	Eddie Klaneski	SR	Hawaii
DB	Brian Lee	SR	Wyoming
DB	David Terrell	SR	UTEP
P	Jeff Roberts	JR	Fresno State

NEW MEXICO

Every time the Lobos have had a winning season since 1971, the following season has seen them drop back below .500. Last year, New Mexico finished 6-5. Coach Dennis Franchione is gunning to bring back-to-back winning seasons to Albuquerque for the first time in 16 years.

The best news is that all-WAC running back Lennox Gordon is back. Gordon rushed for 1,008 yards as an 18-year-old sophomore last year and had six 100-yard games. Fullback Chris Shelton (1,049 yards rushing in three years) rejoins him in the backfield. Franchione is excited about the potential of several younger backs. With the graduation of Donald Sellers, quarterback duty falls to junior Graham Leigh, who has played little at UNM but started the final four games of the year in '95 for Pacific as a true freshman.

The Lobos need to replace three starters on the line, and are looking forward to the return of Matt Tyner. He has started 23 games during his career, but sat out most of last season with a broken fibula. He is moving from tackle, where he's played the past three years, to center.

Moses Moreno, Colorado State



Linebacker Blake Irwin, a nephew of golfer Hale Irwin, recorded 118 tackles last season. Also back is cornerback Ramos McDonald, who intercepted six passes in '96, three more than the entire team had the previous year.

The Lobos' non-league slate is manageable, with games against Northern Arizona, New Mexico State, and Utah State.

TULSA

The Golden Hurricane looked like a contender for a division title early last season. They notched three impressive victories in a row over Iowa, Oklahoma, and Colorado State. Then the bottom fell out. They lost five of their final six and finished their first season in the WAC 4-7 overall and 2-6 in the league.

Dave Rader's club returns 15 starters, not including junior quarterback John Fitzgerald, who threw for 953 yards in a platoon role in '96. He'll have one of the WAC's top targets to throw to in Wes Caswell, who caught 49 passes for 817 yards and five touchdowns last fall. Tailback Reggie Williams led the Hurricane in rushing during each of the past two seasons. He gained 759 yards a year ago. Sophomore John Mosley and redshirt freshman Kevin Isham will push Williams for playing time.

Defensive coordinator Pat Henderson is new to Tulsa, but not to the WAC's Mountain Division, having held the same position at TCU last season. He will be in charge of turning around a unit that ranked 107th against the run and 97th in total defense. Lineman Sean O'Boyle and safety Levi Gillen are veterans. Gillen, who led the team in tackles, was a first-team Academic All-America. The kicking game is solid with James Anderson and punter Kirk Myrick.

UTEP

The Miners made an incredible defensive turnaround last season. Unfortunately, the offense was so terrible that UTEP finished with an 0-8 league mark. Coach Charlie Bailey's defense ranked 108th out of 109 Division I-A teams in 1995. Last season, the Miners made the leap to 39th. Now, if they could just do something about their 101st-ranked offense, the Miners might get somewhere.

UTEP has nine defensive players with starting experience, including the bulk of the secondary that ranked sec-

ond in the league against the pass. Returnees include free safety and leading tackler David Terrell and cornerback Michael Hicks, who picked off four passes in '96—two of which he returned for touchdowns. Dale Kirry and Jason Young head a strong group of linebackers for new defensive coordinator Ronnie Jones.

The offense averaged just 16.6 points, the second-lowest total in the WAC and the worst in the Mountain Division. Gary Nord, a veteran of 17 years in the college ranks, takes over as the new coordinator. He will try to use the pass to establish the run. Juco transfer quarterback Craig Strickland (Butler Community College) will be handed the reins to start the year. The Miners return their top three rushers, led by Joseph Polk (569 yards).

The schedule is trying. Four of the first six games are on the road, and three of those opponents (LSU, Utah, and Clemson) played in bowl games last season.

PACIFIC DIVISION

COLORADO STATE

Following two straight WAC-title campaigns, coach Sonny Lubick's program was in a rebuilding mode in '96. Even so, the Rams came just seconds from winning the Pacific Division. Wyoming had to rally to beat them, 25-24, in the regular-season finale, dropping CSU to 6-2 in the league and 7-5 overall.

This season, however, big things are anticipated in Fort Collins. The Rams return 17 starters, more than any other contender in the league. The top four teams in the division are closely matched, but Colorado State is the only one that returns an experienced quarterback. Senior Moses Moreno threw for 2,921 yards and 18 touchdowns, finishing 16th in the nation in passing efficiency. He'll be protected by a veteran line that includes four returning starters: juniors Anthony Cesario and Mike Newell and seniors Steve Dundee and Eric Bailey.

Damon Washington ran for 1,075 yards in '96 despite missing the final two games with a hamstring injury. When it's time to throw the ball, Moreno will turn to a pair of Turners—Geoff and Paul. Geoff led the team with 52 catches for 921 yards, while Paul, who redshirted in '96, was the team's leading receiver in '95. Tight end Eli Workman, a three-year starter, caught 20 passes last season.

The defensive line is anchored by first-team all-WAC Adrian Ross, who



LeAndrew Childs, San Diego State

recorded a team-high 7.5 sacks. Rejoining him up front are Rob Cieslinski, who sat out spring drills while recovering from knee surgery, and Steve Trammell. The linebacking corps includes Willie Taylor and Nate Kvamme, the top two tacklers. The secondary returns intact: cornerbacks Eason Ramson and Brady Schneider and safeties Erik Olson, Kevin McDougal, and Myron Terry.

SAN DIEGO STATE

The Aztecs won 16 games during the past two years, more than any other Division I-A team in California, but lost when it mattered most. A season-ending home setback to Colorado State cost them a piece of the WAC crown in '95. Last year, nine days after handing Wyoming its only regular-season loss, San Diego State was shocked by winless UNLV. As a result, fourth-year coach Ted Tollner has yet to take the Aztecs bowling.

This may be the year the Aztecs make the transition to champion—even after major losses in key skill positions. Gone are quarterback Billy Blanton, running back George Jones, and receiver Will Blackwell. Still, SDSU should be formidable. Senior Az Hakim, the latest in the Aztec line of top-flight receivers, caught 57 passes for 1,022 yards in '95 and added 36 catches for 635 yards in an injury-plagued '96. Junior LeAndrew Childs caught 52 passes last fall. Senior Justin Watson and sophomore Marty Graham are capable runners. But the strength of the offense is on the line, where all five regulars return. Kyle Turley, (6-6, 305), a three-year starter at tackle, is an All-America candidate. On the

other side is another veteran tackle, Ephraim Salaam (6-7, 290). Senior Kevin McKechnie, who has thrown 33 passes in three years, is the new quarterback.

Four starters return in the defensive backfield, which may be good or bad, since the Aztecs were 14th in the WAC in passing defense. The front seven is led by middle linebacker Joseph Tuipala and end Charles Gatlin.

The early schedule is rough. The Aztecs open at home against Navy, but then spend the next four weeks on the road against Washington, Wisconsin, Air Force, and Arizona.

WYOMING

Dana Dimel, at 34, is the youngest head coach in Division I-A. He's new to the WAC, but he has already learned one lesson about his new league: Fourth-quarter leads against BYU are not safe. Dimel wasn't with Wyoming last December when it lost the WAC title game, 28-25, in overtime to BYU. But three weeks later, as the offensive coordinator at Kansas State, he watched as his team fell in similar come-from-behind fashion to the Cougars in the Cotton Bowl.

Dimel takes over a team that led the nation in passing and was third in total offense. But gone are eight offensive starters, including record-breaking receiver Marcus Harris, quarterback Josh Wallwork, and All-America tackle Steve Scifres. Second-team all-WAC guard Jay Korth moves to center. Who he will snap the ball to is still up in the air. There was a battle during spring drills among seniors Jeremy Silcox and John Davis and redshirt freshman Jay Stoner. Junior running back Marques Brigham will be pushed by sophomore Tim Beasley. The top returning receiver is sophomore Wendell Montgomery.

Dimel has made some position changes on the defense to increase team speed. One player who will stay put is senior safety Brian Lee, who was second in the nation with eight interceptions last year. Rejoining him in the secondary is Je'Ney Jackson. Linebacker Jim Talich earned all-league honors after making 138 tackles.

The Cowboys also boast an All-America placekicker, Cory Wedel. Aron Langley is the league's top returning punter, which is good news since the Cowboys will probably punt a lot in their opener. They face Ohio State on August 28 in the Eddie Robinson Football Classic in Ohio Stadium.

AIR FORCE

Beau Morgan, a magician as a wish-bone quarterback, won't be around this year, much to Falcon coach Fisher DeBerry's chagrin. But DeBerry didn't even have to look outside the Morgan family to find a replacement. Junior Blane Morgan, Beau's younger brother, is set to step into his sibling's large cleats.

"It's totally unfair to compare him with his brother," said DeBerry. "Beau Morgan is one of the best option quarterbacks who ever lived. All we're asking Blane to do is be Blane Morgan." However unfair, comparisons between the brothers will be made. The good news is that Blane appears to compare favorably. He is the same type of field leader, plus he's a good runner with a solid arm.

The Falcons hope to improve on a disappointing 6-5 season that included losses to the other major service academies. They have just nine starters returning. Fortunately, one of them is linebacker Chris Gizzi, the Pacific Division's Defensive Player of the Year, who had a team-high 128 tackles in 11 games. Gizzi will be joined by veteran linebacker Steve Fernandez and free safety Jason Sanderson.

The schedule is favorable, with seven games—including San Diego State,



Je'Ney Jackson, Wyoming

Wyoming, and Army—at home in Falcon Stadium. Air Force, which upset Notre Dame in overtime last year, does not play the Irish this season.

FRESNO STATE

Jim Sweeney was an institution at Fresno State, leading the Bulldogs for 19 seasons and posting a 143-75-3 record that included eight conference titles and a 5-2 bowl mark. The new coach is Pat Hill, a former assistant at Fresno who spent the past five years as an assistant with the Baltimore Ravens/Cleveland Browns. If the Bulldogs don't have a winning season, it won't be for a lack of work, Hill insists. "The players have bought into the direction that we want to take," he said. "We have put them through a rigid off-season program."

The Bulldogs return 14 starters. They are searching for a new quarterback, but Idaho State junior transfer Robb Wetta appears to have the inside track. Wetta was a two-year starter for the I-AA Bengals and threw for 4,363 yards and 28 touchdowns. The running game should be solid with junior tailback Michael Pittman, who rushed for 1,132 yards last year, and senior fullback Jaime Kimbrough. The wideouts, usually a Bulldog strength, are few in number. Linebacker A.J. Gass, the WAC leader a year ago with 150 tackles, returns to lead the defense. Punter Jeff Roberts was 12th in the nation last season, averaging 44.7 yards.

UNLV

In an otherwise dreary first season in the WAC (1-11), Jon Denton gave Rebel fans hope for the future. Denton, a local product, had the best season by a freshman quarterback in NCAA history. He passed for 3,591 yards and 25 touchdowns, which were two of his 10 national freshman records. Most of Denton's supporting cast is back. UNLV returns 18 starters, including four on the offensive line. The receiving corps is led by junior Carlos Baker, who caught 71 passes for 887 yards. The Rebels will need to improve on the WAC's worst rushing attack in order to move up in the league. Juco All-America Rodrick Johnson should help immediately. He rushed for 2,338 yards at Dixie College last fall, which gave him 1,405 more than the UNLV team.

"Defensively, we have nowhere to go but up," said Horton, and he's right. The Rebels were last in the nation in total



Jon Denton, UNLV

and scoring defense, giving up 543 yards and 45.9 points per game.

The Rebels played Tennessee, Wisconsin, and BYU last year. This time, two of their non-league games are winnable: Nevada and Illinois State. They probably won't have much of a chance in the other: at USC on October 4.

SAN JOSE STATE

Perhaps Dave Baldwin accepted the job as new coach of the Spartans before looking at the 1997 schedule. San Jose State could be much improved over last year's 3-9 team and still find itself 0-5 and with little confidence by the middle of October. The Spartans open on the road at Stanford, host Wisconsin, and go back on the road to face Wyoming and Oregon State before playing conference favorite Colorado State at home.

Baldwin replaces retired Hall of Fame coach John Ralston. He spent the previous two seasons as the head coach of Cal State Northridge, which made a five-win improvement between his first and second seasons. He will try to break the Spartans' string of four consecutive losing records.

Junior quarterback Brian Vye, now at his fourth college, may have finally found a home. Vye spent a redshirt year at BYU and transferred to LSU before throwing for 2,500 yards for Gavilan College last year. He had five touchdown passes in the spring game and is the odds-on favorite to be the starter over sophomore Chris Kasteler this fall. Running backs Donte Scarbrough, James Hodgins, and Carlos Meeks will alter-

nate in Baldwin's one-back system. The receivers look solid, led by Windrell Hayes, who caught 58 passes in '96. The offensive question mark is the line.

Seven starters return on defense. Outside linebacker Eric Coughran, cornerback Omarr Smith, and tackle Jerald Perry are the most notable.

HAWAII

You know it wasn't exactly a dream season for a first-year coach when the most national publicity your program received came after a brawl in the stands. Yet that's exactly the type of year it was for Hawaii coach Fred von Appen in '96. The Rainbows, at 1-7 in the league, tied UNLV for last in the Pacific Division. Perhaps the second year with the West Coast offense will be more successful than the first. Last season, the Rainbows were last in the league in total and scoring offense, averaging only 262 yards and 13.7 points per game.

If the Rainbows have a strength, it's in the trenches. Hawaii has six players that have started on the offensive line, led by center Shane Oliveira. The defensive line boasts six players with experience. All-WAC safety Eddie Klaneski returns for his senior season. John Gurasich, a redshirt freshman, is the leading candidate to take over at quarterback, with sophomore Hunter Young pushing him. Fullback Lonnn Kalama also returns.

The Rainbows, losers of 16 consecutive WAC games on the road, face both Colorado State and BYU on the mainland. They will open the season with a non-league game at home against Minnesota and close the year at home against Notre Dame.



Lonnn Kalama, Hawaii

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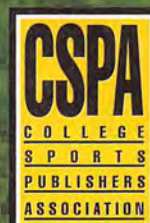
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BIG SKY

Montana and Northern Arizona continue their offensive ways.

BY LOREN JORGENSEN
SALT LAKE CITY DESERET NEWS

The WAC may be known for its high-flying offenses, but it has nothing on the Big Sky Conference, easily Division I-AA's most pass-happy bunch. Last year, for instance, the Big Sky's No. 5 passing attack, Sacramento State, also happened to finish fifth in the nation in passing. Montana, Cal State Northridge, Northern Arizona, and Weber State were the top four passing teams in I-AA—and the Big Sky.

While offense is king in the Big Sky, the top teams' defenses are strong enough to ensure the league is well-represented in the postseason. A league member has played for the national title in each of the past three years. Montana, after winning the Division I-AA crown in 1995, had its 21-game winning streak snapped in the national championship game against Marshall last December. The Griz will be one of the national favorites again this year, especially since Marshall, having joined the I-A Mid-American Conference, is out of the picture.

Even so, Montana may not necessarily be the team to beat in the league. Northern Arizona, the nation's leader in total offense, returns 17 starters from a 9-3 club that finished the regular season ranked eighth in the nation. The Lumberjacks' only league loss a year ago came at Montana. This season, the Griz will have to visit Flagstaff to play NAU.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Brian Ah Yat,
QB, Montana

DEFENSE:

Jason Crebo,
LB, Montana

NEWCOMER:

Elijah Baker,
RB, Eastern Washington

GAMES TO WATCH

Montana at
Northern Arizona,
October 25

Eastern Washington
at Northern Arizona,
November 8

Montana at
Montana State,
November 22

MONTANA

Mick Dennehy's first year as head coach of the Griz was this close (hold your thumb and forefinger up one centimeter apart) to being perfect. Montana ran the table during the regular season, winning its second league title in a row. It outscored opponents 162-24 in the first three rounds of the playoffs to go 14-0 before losing to Marshall 49-29 in the title game.

It could be another banner campaign in Missoula. The Griz return the league's offensive and defensive Most Valuable Players: quarterback Brian Ah Yat and linebacker Jason Crebo. Ah Yat, an All-America junior, averaged 340 yards in total offense. Crebo, a 6-4, 255-pound junior, led the team with 104 tackles and set a school record with 19 tackles for losses in '96. The line is solid with tackles Jason Baker and Scott Curry leading the way. Big things are expected from running back Josh Brannen, who averaged 73 yards per game rushing. Raul Pacheco (17.3 yards per catch) is the team's top returning receiver.

The defense, however, may be in a rebuilding mode. Crebo is a returning All-America, but he's the only starter back from last year's team. Dallas Neal is a quality punter, but with an offense as strong as Montana's, his services may not be called upon too often.

NORTHERN ARIZONA

The Lumberjacks return 17 starters, but among the missing is running back Archie Amerson, the Walter Payton Award winner, who rushed for 2,079 yards and 25 touchdowns. After getting a taste of the playoffs for the first time, the Lumberjacks want to get back into postseason action and, this time, they'd like to win a few games.

Leading the way for Steve Axman's team will be sophomore quarterback Travis Brown, who directed NAU to the top of the national rankings in total and scoring offense last year. Brown threw for

a I-AA freshman-record 3,398 yards. Four starters are back on the offensive line, led by All-America tackle Dan Finn. Six receivers who had at least 20 catches are back, headed by Gibbons St. Paul (50 catches for 975 yards). Ricky Pearsall (47 catches) was the nation's best punt returner, averaging nearly 17 yards.

The defense was inconsistent, but with nine regulars back, it will be experienced. Junior lineman Nick Petrucci, an honorable mention All-America, recorded 53 tackles, including 14 for losses.

PREDICTIONS

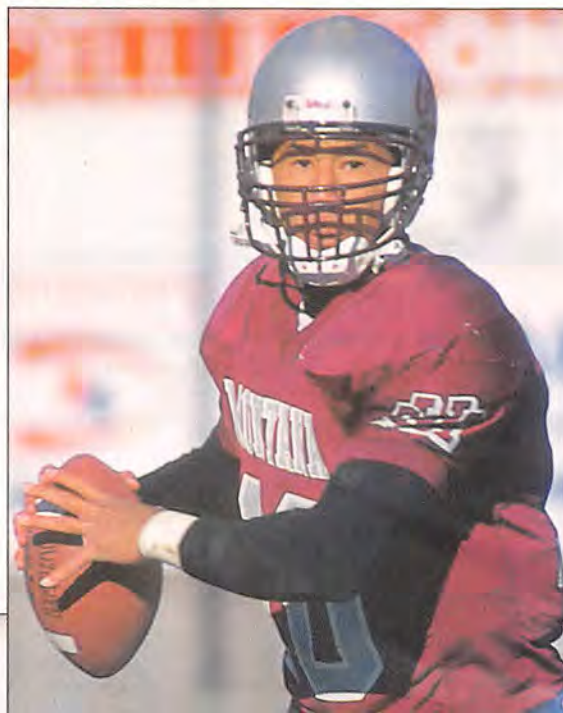
1. Montana
2. Northern Arizona
3. Eastern Washington
4. Weber State
5. Cal State Northridge
6. Montana State
7. Idaho State
8. Sacramento State
9. Portland State

EASTERN WASHINGTON

The Eagles looked to be on their way to a spot in the 16-team I-AA playoffs. But then they lost four of their final five games to finish with a disappointing 6-5 mark, including 3-4 in the league. They had some tough luck as well, losing three league games by a total of nine points. Fourth-year coach Mike Kramer is confident his team, which returns 16 regulars, can take a step up to compete for the league crown.

The strength is on the defensive side. Linebacker Derek Strey led the team with 126 tackles and had four interceptions. Free safety Maurice Perigo was a league Player of the Week three times. He intercept-

Brian Ah Yat, Montana





Travis Brown, Northern Arizona

ed six passes, two of which he returned for scores. Steve Mattson and Chris Scott head an experienced line.

The Eagles return both starting quarterbacks. Harry Leons (734 yards passing) started five games and Griffin Garske (1,520 passing, 12 TDs) started six. The tailback spot will likely be filled by a true freshman, Elijah Baker, the Washington High School Player of the Year. The line is solid and features all-league guard Jim Buzzard.

WEBER STATE

Scott Shields can do it all. He will likely earn all-Big Sky honors again this fall. In fact, Shields could earn three all-league honors. The junior from San Diego is a two-time all-Big Sky placekicker. He made 18 of 24 field goals in '96, including a 52-yarder as time expired to give the Wildcats a victory over Eastern Washington. He also earned all-league accolades as a punter, averaging 40.4 yards. That's not all. Shields was a second-team defensive back after picking off 10 passes and making 73 tackles at free safety. The Wildcats list 10 returning starters, but Shields accounts for three of the 10. No wonder the Associated Press listed him as a first-team All-America as an "all-purpose player."

Steve Buck, a transfer from UCLA, looked strong in the spring and will likely be the quarterback this fall. He has good targets in Taurus McGhee and tight end Cam Quayle. The defense returns five starters, including linebacker David Stroshine, the leading tackler. Strong safety Junior Baker and tackle Weston Weaver are other major contributors.

CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE

The Matadors have a first-year coach in Jim Fenwick, but their offense should still smell sweet with Aaron Flowers. A juco transfer, Flowers was the league's top newcomer and is one of the top returning quarterbacks in the nation. He finished second in I-AA in total offense (329.4 yards per game) and had 30 touchdown passes as a junior.

CSUN, in its second year in the Big Sky, has 17 starters back from last year's 7-4 team (4-3 in the league). In addition to Flowers, the returning skill-position players are Cameron Perry (12.5 yards per catch), Jerome Henry (69.7 yards receiving per game), and Norman Clarke (11 rushing touchdowns). Linebacker Mark Goodson, who averaged 13.6 tackles per game, is the top defender. Rejoining him are Benny Herron, who picked off four passes, and Dan Lazarovits (41 tackles, 4.5 sacks).

MONTANA STATE

The Bobcats, under sixth-year coach Cliff Hysell, have improved slowly in each of the past three seasons. They won three games in 1994, five in '95, and six a year ago. Seven or more victories this season may be difficult.

Six offensive starters return, headed by quarterback Rob Compson, who passed for 1,385 yards. Kenyatte Morgan, a second-team all-league return specialist, caught 21 passes for 277 yards, and Tony Vallez had 22 receptions for 231 yards. Unlike most teams in the league that like to pass first and run the ball as an afterthought, the Bobcats are noted for hard-nosed rushing attacks. Running back Matt Engelking has graduated, but second-team all-Big Sky fullback Travis Cormaney is back. Center Brad Callan and guard Nate O'Brien are the only returning linemen.

The defense has six starters back, including free safety Tyson Tucker and lineman Neal Smith, both of whom were honorable mention all-league.

IDAHO STATE

The Bengals struggled to a 1-6 league record. This year the rebuilding process begins with new coach Tom Walsh, a former offensive coordinator with the Los Angeles Raiders. Walsh, who takes over for Brian McNeely, was with the Raiders from 1982-95, during which time they won five AFC West titles and the 1984 Super Bowl.

Idaho State's defense is its strong suit. Seven starters return, including all-league linebacker Telly Lockette. Free safety Trevor Bell had seven interceptions and cornerback Joe Barnes had two.

Craig Joseph gives ISU an offensive threat in the backfield. The team's leading rusher, Joseph averaged 82 yards per game and scored five touchdowns. The special teams should be solid. James Ferrell was a second-team all-Big Sky selection as a placekicker. He also handled the punting chores, for which he was named honorable mention all-league.

SACRAMENTO STATE

The best news for the Hornets is that things in the Big Sky can only get better. Sac State went 0-7 in its first year in the league. It also lost to Portland State, but that game did not count in the standings. The Hornets were fifth in I-AA in passing, but they struggled defensively, giving up 33 or more points in all 10 losses and 41 or more seven times.

There are a few bright spots for third-year coach John Volek. Three big-play receivers are back: Sheridan Mitchell (46 catches for 743 yards), Carlos Smith (53-738), and Tyrone Taylor (39-733). The leading returning rusher is Jason Solis. Linebacker Ryland Wickman is the top defender. Free safety Chad Johnson had six interceptions, 62 tackles, and a fumble recovery.

PORTLAND STATE

The Vikings sort of joined the Big Sky last season. They played a Big Sky schedule, but their games didn't count in the standings since they were ineligible for the league title or postseason play. Once again the Vikings are not eligible for the conference crown or I-AA playoffs in just their second year since making the jump from Division II. Games against Portland State will count in the standings for Portland's Big Sky opponents this year, however.

It could be a long season for fifth-year coach Tim Walsh, who returns nine regulars from a 3-8 club. To fill in the gaps, he has a bunch of transfers: receiver Jerome Allen (Idaho) and fullback Steve Jakobowski (Boise State), and defensive lineman Josh Carley, offensive lineman Bob Hunt, corner J.J. Johnson, and receiver Luke Husack, all of whom started their careers at Oregon State. The top returnee is all-Big Sky linebacker Tom Matijacic, who had 116 tackles.

ATLANTIC COAST

Florida State reloads and takes aim for the national title.

BY BOB SPEAR
THE (COLUMBIA) STATE

Is this the year ACC rivals have been waiting for? Is this the year to settle some scores with Florida State? Dream on.

The Seminoles suffered some heavy personnel losses. And, yes, most of their tough games are on the road: at Clemson, North Carolina, and Virginia within the league, and at Southern Cal and Florida out of the conference. Still, no one picks against Bobby Bowden in the ACC.

The Seminoles have racked up a 39-1 conference record in their five seasons in the ACC, and more dominance is expected this fall. Their challenges will be tougher, but the results will not change. Florida State extended its college football record to 10 straight seasons with 10 or more victories in 1996. Each time, the Seminoles placed in the top five nationally. They likely will do so again.

North Carolina (10-2) has its own records: seven straight winning seasons and five straight bowl games. And the Tar Heels return nine players from the nation's No. 2 defense.

"We can enjoy the memories of last year, we can build on those successes," said UNC coach Mack Brown. "But last year's team had very few injuries, had great chemistry, and tremendous leadership. This year's team has to start developing all of those things."

Clemson returns a wealth of experienced personnel and plays a favorable schedule, with its toughest league games at home. The Tigers meet Florida State early, and play North Carolina the week after the Tar Heels and Seminoles collide.

Virginia, which handed Florida State its lone ACC loss in 1995, and Georgia Tech will not be soft touches. But neither figures to challenge the leaders.

Ron Vanderlinden is the league's only new head coach, taking over at Maryland after serving at Colorado and Northwestern. His second game, and first against an ACC foe, is at Florida State. That's a rude initiation, and he will learn quickly what others already know: League teams beat the Seminoles only in their dreams.

PREDICTIONS

1. Florida State
2. North Carolina
3. Clemson
4. Virginia
5. Georgia Tech
6. North Carolina State
7. Maryland
8. Wake Forest
9. Duke

Wadsworth moves from middle guard to one end, and Sam Cowart, a starter in 1995 who missed last season with a knee injury, returns to fortify the line-backing. Jerry Johnson moves in at tackle and Julian Pittman at nose guard. Shevin Smith, a former walk-on, is the strong safety, and cornerbacks Samari Rolle and Troy Saunders have starting experience.

Although the Seminoles averaged 38.7 points a game in 1996, quarterback Thad Busby drew criticism for inconsistency. His prime target will be E.G. Green, who averaged 19.5 yards per catch and scored seven touchdowns. Fullback Pooh Bear Williams, center Kevin Long, tackle Tra Thomas, and tight end Melvin Pearsall return to starting spots. Junior Dee Feaster, sophomore Vannez Gooch, and freshmen Travis Minor and Jeff Chaney will try to replace tailback Warrick Dunn, who set school rushing records in surpassing the 1,000-yard mark for three straight seasons. Also missing are kicker Scott Bentley, the ACC's career leading scorer, and punter Sean Liss, whose 44.7-yard career average ranks second in league history.

Discouraged? "I'm probably as excited as I've ever been," Bowden said.

NORTH CAROLINA

Fifteen starters, including nine from the defense that ranked No. 2 nationally, return from a 10-2 team that won the Gator Bowl and ranked 10th in the final polls. "People are talking football year-round here now, and that is exciting," said coach Mack Brown, whose team almost always will finish second to Dean Smith's basketball squad in a race for fans' affection.

Cornerback Dre' Bly, the first freshman defen-

E.G. Green, Florida State



TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Chris Keldorf,
QB, North Carolina

DEFENSE:

Anthony Simmons,
LB, Clemson

NEWCOMER:

Travis Minor,
RB, Florida State

GAMES TO WATCH

Florida State at North
Carolina, November 8

North Carolina at
Clemson, November 15

Florida State at
Florida, November 22

FLORIDA STATE

The Seminoles lost a pair of All-America defensive ends, an all-star running back, and the heart of the offensive line from an 11-1 team that played for the national championship. However, before foes begin to lick their chops in anticipation of getting even with Florida State, they should realize that coach Bobby Bowden has faced similar rebuilding years that have resulted in great success. Other teams shoot for league titles; the Seminoles aim for the national championship.

Even with the loss of ends Peter Boulware and Reinard Wilson, the defense could be the equal of the 1996 unit that ranked No. 3 nationally with skimpy yields of 229.5 yards and 11.1 points a game. Bowden calls middle linebacker Daryl Bush "about as good as you can get playing that position." Andre



sive player ever to make AP first-team All-America, led the nation with 11 interceptions and picked off two more in the Gator Bowl. End Greg Ellis, who needs half a sack to equal the school record, and outside linebacker Brian Simmons earned second-team All-America. Linebacker Kivuusama Mays, the leading tackler for two straight years, tackle Vonnie Holliday, end Mike Pringley, cornerback Robert Williams, and safeties Greg Williams and Omar Brown also return to the unit that yielded just 10 points a game. Linebacker Keith Newman, who made 13 tackles against Florida State, and tackle Russell Davis will fill the remaining spots.

Senior quarterback Chris Keldorf won all-ACC honors, setting school marks for completions (201), yards (2,347), TD passes (23), and fewest interceptions (5). He dislocated his left ankle in the regular-season finale against Duke. Junior Oscar Davenport stepped in to finish that game, then earned MVP honors in the Gator Bowl victory over West Virginia.

All-ACC center Jeff Saturday anchors a line that returns Mike Baxter at tackle and Mike Hobgood at guard. Wide receivers Na Brown, Octavus Barnes, and L.C. Stevens are back, too. But North Carolina must replace a pair of all-ACC players, tight end Freddie Jones and tailback Leon Johnson, the ACC's career leader in

all-purpose yardage (5,828). Seniors Jonathan Linton and Mike Geter get first crack at replacing Johnson.

CLEMSON

The Tigers recovered from a slow start, fashioned a five-game winning streak, and earned another bowl bid in 1996. Fourteen regulars from the 7-5 squad and a friendlier schedule make prospects brighter for this season.

New offensive coordinator Steve Ensminger's challenge is to improve a passing game that ranked eighth in the league (142.5 yards per game). Senior tailback Raymond Priester already owns Clemson's game, season, and career rushing records. Only center Jamie Trimble is

Jeff Saturday, North Carolina

missing from the front that paved the way for the ACC's best running game in 1996. Tackle Jim Bundren earned first-team all-ACC honors, and guard Glenn Rountree and tight end Lamont Hall won spots on the all-conference second team. Tackle Holland Postell and guard Matt Butler return. Throw in veteran quarterback Nealon Greene and wide receiver Kenya Crooks, and the Tigers' offensive arsenal is well-stocked.

Junior linebacker Anthony Simmons has reached double figures in tackles in 21 of his 24 games. He ranks sixth in Clemson history with 328, including a school-record 178 last year. He will be joined inside by Mond Wilson, who

ALL-ATLANTIC COAST TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	Chris Keldorf	SR	North Carolina
RB	Raymond Priester	SR	Clemson
RB	Tremayne Stephens	SR	N.C. State
WR	Harvey Middleton	SR	Georgia Tech
WR	E.G. Green	SR	Florida State
TE	Lamont Hall	SR	Clemson
OL	Jim Bundren	SR	Clemson
OL	Doug Karczewski	SR	Virginia
OL	Lonnie Gilbert	SR	N.C. State
OL	Ken Celaj	SR	Georgia Tech
OL	Kevin Long	SR	Florida State
PK	Josh McGee	SO	North Carolina

DEFENSE

DL	Greg Ellis	SR	North Carolina
DL	Andre Wadsworth	SR	Florida State
DL	Eric Ogbogu	SR	Maryland
DL	Tony Dingle	JR	Virginia
LB	Anthony Simmons	JR	Clemson
LB	Brian Simmons	SR	North Carolina
LB	Daryl Bush	SR	Florida State
DB	Dre' Bly	SO	North Carolina
DB	Anthony Poindexter	JR	Virginia
DB	Shevin Smith	SR	Florida State
DB	Robert Williams	JR	North Carolina
P	Rodney Williams	JR	Georgia Tech

ATLANTIC

made 130 stops last season, and outside by starters Andrian Dingle and Howard Bartley. Although tackle Raymond White is the only returning regular in the line, coach Tommy West believes stopping the run "should be the strength of the defense." Strong safety Antwan Edwards is the lone starter back in the secondary. Junior Michael Allen moves in at free safety, and Damond Ward and Domarco Fox get first shot at the corners.

The Tigers have climbed in each of their three seasons under West, from sixth to third to a tie for second. To continue the trend, they need to defeat projected top 10 teams Florida State and North Carolina, and they get to play both at home.

VIRGINIA

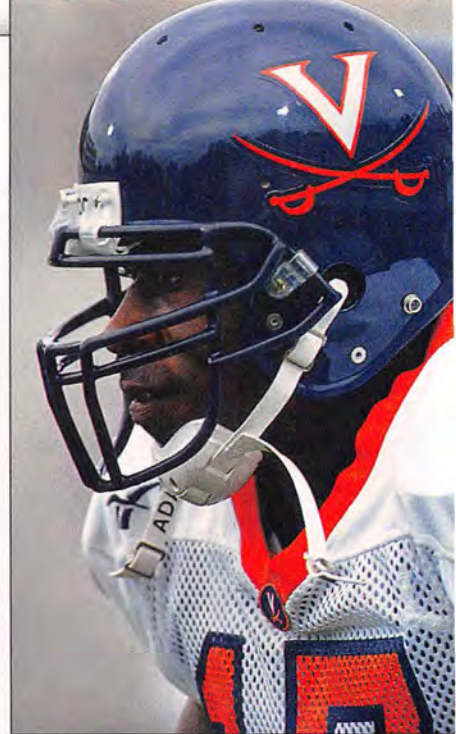
George Welsh has spent 15 seasons erasing the word "never" from dictionaries around Charlottesville. Before his arrival, the Cavaliers had never been invit-

ed to a bowl game, never won an ACC football championship, never won 10 games in a season, and never been ranked higher than ninth in the Associated Press poll.

Now, he faces another "never." The pundits says he can never keep Virginia's streak of seasons with at least seven victories (currently at 10) going in view of the personnel losses from 1996. The challenges: Replace seven defensive starters, the offensive backfield, and both kickers.

Welsh expects to have an improved passing game. Aaron Brooks gets the call at quarterback. He played in every game in the Cavaliers' 7-5 season, and sparked late in the year. Sophomore Thomas Jones gets first crack at the tailback job vacated by Tiki Barber, and three-year letterman Charles Kirby is the new fullback. Wide receiver Germane Crowell provides a big-play threat, and Bryan Owen returns on the other side. Tackles Doug Karczewski and Julius Williams and guard Trevor Britton are back on the line.

Nealon Greene, Clemson



Germane Crowell, Virginia

Across the line, tackle Tony Dingle, linebacker Wali Rainer, and safeties Anthony Poindexter and Stephen Phelan are the only returning starters. Somehow, the Cavaliers must replace Rhonde Barber's 15 career interceptions, Jamie Sharper and James Farrior's 816 tackles, and tackle Todd White's 13 career sacks.

"I think our front could be real good again if the ends come through," Welsh said. "We've got some good end prospects and we have three experienced tackles. The key to the defense will be how the linebackers play."

GEORGIA TECH

The Yellow Jackets started quickly, and a stunning 13-7 upset of Virginia that boosted their record to 4-1 suggested that they could contend for the ACC title. Instead, Tech crashed. Included in the 1-5 finish were a pair of three-point losses, giving Tech four setbacks by a total of eight points over two seasons. Changing that trend is a primary goal for coach George O'Leary.

"There's a big difference between wanting to win and not wanting to lose," said O'Leary, on the eve of his third season at Tech. "It's the work habits and the attitude you get as a team that give you the confidence to win the tough games—and win them in the fourth quarter." His offensive line needs attention, his defense needs to get more pressure on the quarterback, and his secondary needs experience.

Wide receivers Harvey Middleton (64 catches for 804 yards) and Derrick



Steagall, a 4.3 speedster coming off knee surgery, can give opponents nightmares. Quarterback Joe Hamilton (1,342 yards passing and 248 yards rushing) should be more mature and confident in his sophomore season. Charlie Rogers, Phillip Rogers, and Curtis Hollomon are the leading candidates to replace tailback C.J. Williams. Fullback Charles Wiley averaged 5.5 yards a carry before going down with an injury. Center Craig Page and guard Ken Celaj return up front.

Maybe the most important addition to the offense is coordinator Ralph Friedgen, who ran the unit in Tech's 1990 national championship season. Friedgen left with head coach Bobby Ross and spent the last five years with the San Diego Chargers.

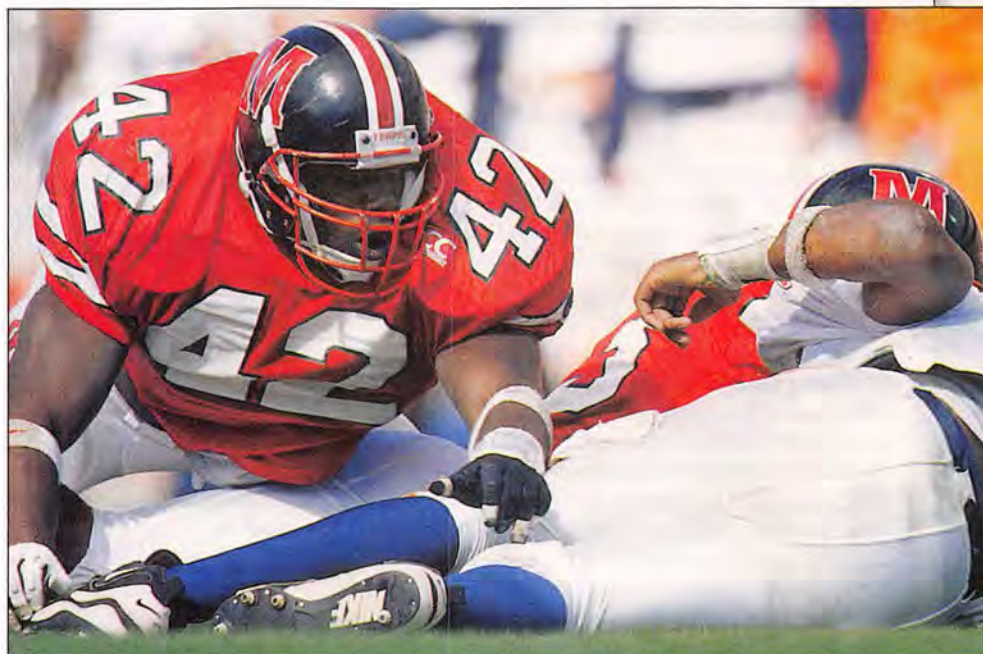
The defensive line returns end Ralph Hughes, middle guard Patrick Bradford, and tackle Derrick Shepard. O'Leary called linebackers Keith Brooking and Ron Rogers "two of the best at their positions in the nation." Two new starters will join corner Jason Bostic and Brian Wilkins in the secondary.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

With 18 returning starters, the Wolfpack hopes the experience gained in a 3-8 season pays dividends this fall. The good news is that only one regular needs to be replaced on the defense. The bad news is that the returnees from the unit don't have much to brag about. They held just one team under 20 points



Tremayne Stephens, North Carolina State



Eric Ogbogu, Maryland

and were close on the scoreboard in only one of their eight losses, a 24-19 verdict to Alabama. Otherwise, scores read like track meets: 62-14, 52-20, 42-21, 50-29. State's yield of 36.5 points per game ranked 104th in the nation. Foes rushed the ball with impunity, punishing the Wolfpack for 227.4 yards per game on the ground.

Coach Mike O'Cain will look for leadership from linebacker Morocco Brown, who has led the team in tackles for two years, and tackle George Williams, who collected three sacks and seven tackles for losses among his 45 stops. State faces the impossible task of replacing All-America kicker Marc Primanti, a former walk-on who made an ACC-record 27 straight field goals over two seasons. For his career, he connected on 31 of 33 field goals and missed just one of 52 extra points.

Quarterback Jamie Barnette enjoyed a stellar freshman season, throwing for 1,594 yards and nine touchdowns with six interceptions. Torrey Holt (24 catches for 415 yards) is the primary target. Senior tailback Tremayne Stephens has led the team in rushing for three years, ranks sixth on the school's rushing list (2,411 yards), and has a career average of 5.0 yards per carry. Senior guard Lonnie Gilbert, a second-team all-ACC pick, heads the unit that includes center Seamus Murphy, guard Alex Santos, tackle Ian Rafferty, and tight end Mark Thomas.

MARYLAND

The Terps set a bushel of offensive records in five seasons with coach Mark Duffner's run-and-shoot attack. But they won only 20 games, a prescrip-

tion for dismissal. Ron Vanderlinden, a head coach for the first time, knows success. He served on the staff at Colorado for nine years and at Northwestern for five. In his tenures, Colorado shared a national title and Northwestern won the Big Ten and played in the Rose and Citrus Bowls.

Balance is the key word on offense, where six regulars return. "We want to develop a physical running attack and a strong play-action passing attack," said the coach. Senior quarterback Brian Cummings (1,127 yards and 7 TDs passing in 1996) returns. Brian Underwood (449 yards rushing) and Buddy Rodgers (447) are capable running backs. Up front are veterans Darryl Gilliam and John Feugill at tackle and Pat Ward and Mitch Watkins at guard.

Graduation wiped out the secondary, but four of the front seven—end Eric Ogbogu, tackle Johnnie Hicks, and linebackers Kendall Ogle and Eric Barton—are back from the unit that ranked fourth in the ACC and 29th nationally in total defense.

WAKE FOREST

With nine victories overall and only three against league opposition in four seasons under coach Jim Caldwell, the Deacons are looking for a breakthrough year, and this could be the one. Seventeen starters are back from a 3-8 squad. The Deacons ranked last in the league and were among the worst nationally in both rushing offense (65.1 yards per game) and defense (254.5). Caldwell hopes that added

experience will help curb the problems.

The defensive line returns seven players, with end Robert Fatzinger and tackle Fred Robbins the most prominent. Rejoining them are linebackers Kelvin Moses, one of the ACC's leading tacklers, Jon Mannon, Dustin Lyman, and David Zadel. D'Angelo Solomon heads the secondary.

Wake got most of its yardage through the air in 1996, and almost every key player returns. Quarterback Brian Kuklick, the ACC leader in total offense (223.1 yards per game), will be throwing to Desmond Clark (61 catches for 782 yards) and Thabiti Davis (60-792). The Deacons, though, need more balance. Morgan Kane provides a threat if he can get some blocks. He rushed for 131 yards against Clemson and broke an 80-yard run against Florida State. Three starters—center Chris Gaskell and tackles Jeff Flowe and Brian Wolverton—return to provide promise for better line play.

The Deacons opened with victories over I-AA Appalachian State and defending Big Ten champion Northwestern, then lost seven straight a year ago. The schedule is stronger this season.



Chike Egbuniwe, Duke

DUKE

After manufacturing a shocking 8-3 record in 1994, the Blue Devils plunged to 3-8 in '95 and 0-11 last fall. The only way to go now is up, and they return 19 starters.

The immediate project is to take better care of the football. Duke suffered 20 fumbles and 12 interceptions and had just

15 takeaways. More experience might help. Two of the three players who will have the ball most—quarterback David Green and fullback Laymarr Marshall—are seniors. Green completed 88 of 165 passes for 958 yards and four touchdowns, and Marshall rushed for 390 yards. Tailback Letavious Wilks, who led ACC freshmen in rushing a year ago with 554 yards, should be improved with added maturity. Senior Corey Thomas (38 catches for 527 yards) heads the receiving corps. Center John Gordon and guard Chad Melita are the only seniors in the line. They will be joined by junior guard Lennie Friedman and sophomore tackles Gannon Shepherd and Austin Smithwick.

Only one starter must be replaced on defense: leading tackler Billy Granville. Look for senior linebacker Chike Egbuniwe to take up the slack. He took part in 103 tackles, including 19 against Maryland, last season. Free safety Tawambi Settles, who made 106 tackles, intercepted a pass, and caused three fumbles, leads the secondary. Duke's jump back to its 1994 success might be another year away. Only seven of the 19 returning starters are seniors.

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ATLANTIC INDEPENDENTS

Liberty is at its best when expectations are less than great.

BY BOB SPEAR
THE (COLUMBIA) STATE

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:
Ben Anderson,
QB, Liberty

DEFENSE:
Jesse Riley,
LB, Liberty

NEWCOMER:
Biff Parsons,
QB, Liberty

GAMES TO WATCH

Liberty at Charleston
Southern, October 25

Liberty at Appalachian
State, November 22

LIBERTY

The Flames have developed the habit of struggling in years when they have bright prospects and sparkling during the seasons when expectations are less than great. Thus, using the upside-down logic, look for coach Sam Rutigliano to be on the upswing this fall.

Coming off a disappointing 5-6 season, Liberty faces the challenge of rebuilding the interior of the offensive line and the secondary. That sounds ominous. But the Flames, who won four of their last five games, have some weapons, starting with senior Ben Anderson and Stacy Nobles. Anderson overcame a slow start and finished with 2,222 yards passing and 14 touchdowns. Nobles took over at running back after an injury sidelined Walt Heilig and rushed for 508 yards. Heilig returns this fall, giving the Flames a

Ben Anderson, Liberty

PREDICTIONS

1. Liberty
2. Davidson
3. Charleston Southern

DAVIDSON

The Wildcats will play their 100th year of intercollegiate football this fall, and all signs point to a season to celebrate. The skill positions are particularly well-fortified, and 15 returning starters from a 6-4 club suggest Davidson will have back-to-back winning seasons for the first time in 30 years.

The non-scholarship Wildcats, who compete as a I-AA independent, won three of their final four games a year ago, and every player who ran the ball or threw a pass returns. Foremost among them is sophomore fullback Eric Ferguson, who set a school freshman record with 595 yards rushing and led the team with 10 touchdowns. Ferguson teams with Lorenzo Moll, who had set the school freshman record a year earlier, to form a potent one-two punch. Center Chip Stewart is a strong candidate for all-star honors.

Senior Tommy Dugan threw for 1,456 yards in '96 and has 2,391 over two seasons. In addition, just about every receiver, including tight end Wesley Jones, who missed all but one game with a knee injury, is back. A source of concern for coach Tim Landis, however, is a lack of depth, especially on both lines.

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN

The Buccaneers earned a berth in the NCAA baseball tournament in 1996 and in the NCAA basketball tourney in 1997. Is football next? That's not likely, considering they play a I-AA schedule without full financial resources. Coach David Dowd, however, returns 16 starters from a 2-8 team, and this could be the school's best squad.

Andy Tarr, who passed for 1,091 yards, returns at quarterback. He'll look for an experienced corps of receivers: Heath Siemon (34 catches for 469 yards), Ande Goldsmith (16-169), and Terrel Mitchell (15-338). Mario Alston and Lance Miller rushed for more than 400 yards each, and they will be working behind a veteran line anchored by Dennie McDaniel and John Breeden.

Every defensive line starter will be new, but linebackers Chris King and Shaun Wright return. Sam Brown, Greg Pinckney, and Ruben Potts are back in the secondary.



MEAC

Quarterback Ted White makes Howard the team to beat.

BY DON CORBETT

Two years ago, a little-known quarterback from Alcorn State, Steve McNair, set the college football world on its ear by rewriting the NCAA record book. A similar scenario may be about to unfold this fall at Howard University.

Say hello to Ted White. The junior from Baton Rouge, Louisiana completed 60 percent of his passes for 2,812 yards and 36 touchdowns (to 11 different receivers) and just 10 interceptions. White ended the season as the top-rated passer in college football.

"My freshman year, I really didn't understand a lot about picking up blitzes or reading defenses," White said. "We put a lot of work in over the summer, and our offensive line did a great job all year. It seemed like the whole offense came together."

White has all the physical tools, plus the intangibles. He reads defenses. He checks off to both the running and passing games adroitly, and his teammates believe in his leadership ability—all factors which will make Howard the team to beat in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference this season.

PREDICTIONS

1. Howard
2. Florida A&M
3. North Carolina A&T
4. Hampton
5. South Carolina State
6. Delaware State
7. Morgan State
8. Bethune-Cookman

NORTH CAROLINA A&T

Despite fielding a relatively young team, coach Bill Hayes finished 8-3. A&T's strength is a solid, punishing ground game. Junior Mike Basnight averaged seven yards per carry on his way to 849 yards and nine touchdowns. He will be joined in the backfield by two-year starter Reggie Shuford and Eric Clark. Quarterbacks Ben Garrett and Rodney Woodruff return. Elbert Griffin, John Goolsby, and Greg Coley lead a big offensive line.

A change in schemes helped the Aggies improve and finish second in the MEAC in total defense. James Clyburn is back at tackle, and end Chris McNeil has big-play potential. The losses of Mike Hamilton and Toran James to the NFL, will force Marquis Bailey to take more of a leadership role at linebacker.

Last year, against the league's two best teams, A&T lost 24-23 at FAMU and 38-3 at Howard. This year, the Aggies get both teams at home, where they were undefeated last fall.

Ted White, Howard



TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Ted White,
QB, Howard

DEFENSE:

Marques Douglas,
DT, Howard

NEWCOMER:

Bobby Wilson,
RB, Morgan State

GAMES TO WATCH

Jackson State at
Florida A&M,
September 20

Florida A&M at Howard,
September 27

Florida A&M at
N.C. A&T, October 11

Howard at
North Carolina A&T,
October 25

HOWARD

The Bison closed with eight straight wins, including a 27-24 victory over Southern University in the Heritage Bowl. Only a missed extra point against Florida A&M prevented coach Steve Wilson from having a shot at winning the league title.

Howard hopes to right that situation this year. Start with Ted White, the MEAC's Player of the Year and a third-team All-America—as a sophomore. Greg Kyler, a transfer from the University of Tennessee, and MacArthur Johnson are game-breaking receivers. Stuart Broome provides offensive balance. He will run behind a line led by center Fred Ray and Mpumi Massimini, a transfer from East Carolina.

Tackle Marques Douglas is the dominating performer on defense. He recorded 70 tackles and tied for the league lead with 11 sacks. Rejoining him up front are Rodell Phaire, Bobby Jones, Levar Young, and Roy Sampson. Add linebackers Rhoan Hill, Curtis Allen, and Clarence Peacock to the mix, and Howard has the potential for another outstanding unit.

FLORIDA A&M

Whether they blew people out (an 83-12 victory over Morgan State), had to work six over-times (against Hampton), or won by just one point (three times), coach Billy Joe's Rattlers usually came out on top. They went through the MEAC unscathed and advanced to the I-AA playoffs, where

they lost a narrow decision to Troy State.

Quarterback Oteman Sampson, who threw for over 2,800 yards and 21 touchdowns, led the MEAC in total offense. Sophomore Antoine Flowers rambled for over 700 yards, caught 24 passes, and led the MEAC in scoring. Undre Williams and Marvin Taylor are home-run threats at wide receiver. Joe took an unexpected hit on his line when all-league tackle Jamie Nails declared early for the NFL draft. That left center George Ishmael as the only returning starter up front.

The defensive line and linebacking units are largely inexperienced. Antonio Bradwell and Jomo Cousins are the ends. Maurice Johnson is the top returning linebacker, and Boris Jackson leads a deep secondary.



Oteman Sampson, Florida A&M

HAMPTON

Hampton's rookie year in the MEAC was like most rookie seasons: up and down. Coach Joe Taylor is looking for more consistency as his team moves toward the league's top tier.

The Pirates fielded a young team last fall and have a good nucleus back on offense. Tyrone Mayer (987 yards) should be one of I-AA's top running backs. Terry Ricks adds backfield depth. Sophomore quarterback Roy Johnson threw for nearly 1,800 yards. Guard Lamont Turner anchors the line.

Hampton lost all-everything linebacker Darrell Flythe, but retained Mountee Foote, who averaged over eight tackles per game. Rejoining him is first-team all-MEAC tackle Charles Preston. The Pirates also feature a pair of aggressive defensive backs in Jay Clarke, a second-team all-league pick, and Don Turner, who led the MEAC in interceptions.

The Pirates defeated perennial upper-division teams Delaware State and S.C. State. When they gain consistency, they will become a title contender.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

Last fall, coach Willie Jeffries replaced Michael Hicks with Kenny Bynum, who ran for over 1,600 yards. Now, Jeffries must replace Bynum and six other offensive regulars.

Despite the proficiency of the running game, the biggest problem for the Bulldogs was putting the ball in the end zone. There were five games when they scored two touchdowns or less, putting strain on what was a solid defense. With Bynum gone, more pressure is now on quarterbacks Reggie Curry and Craig James. The Bulldogs need more consistency from both players, who complet-

ed only 46 percent of their passes for three touchdowns. Dennis Walker will get the first crack at replacing Bynum. Seniors Eugene James (FB), Reggie Porcha (RB), and receiver Bobby McGowens lend experience. The loss of both tackles is a problem on the line, but Lewis Kelly, a former tight end, and Jerrell Moore will help to fill the voids.

All-MEAC defensive tackle Chartric Darby returns. Linebackers Justin Danner, Tito Hannah, and Jermaine Derricott are one of the league's top units. But the Bulldogs lost two starters in the secondary. If Jeffries can fill the holes this year as well as he did with Hicks, State may be in the hunt again.

DELAWARE STATE

John McKenzie takes over for Bill Collick as head coach. While Collick devotes more time to his post of athletic director, McKenzie will seek to lead the Hornets back from their first losing season since 1982.

McKenzie's first move was to ditch the wing-T in favor of a more pass-oriented pro-set offense. The change correlates nicely with the skills of quarterback Rahsaan Matthews, who threw for over 1,000 yards as a freshman. His main targets are Omar Parker, Chris Banning, and Dernerian McCants. Converted linebacker Clay Perry has emerged as a threat at running back, and Jerome Dory anchors the line. McKenzie is also encouraged by the return of tackle Lamar Banks, who missed last season with an injury.

Del State is looking to use more multiple defenses. Cedric Jones and Mike Kargbo are solid linemen, while sophomores Rod Farmer and Frank Penick and senior Jamal Perkins lead a young group of linebackers. Free safety Jason Williams spent the spring rehabbing a knee injury, but hopes to return to form.

Jerrell Moore, South Carolina State



Omar Jackson and Reggie Brown, who played quarterback last year, will contribute in the secondary.

MORGAN STATE

If there is such a thing as taking huge baby steps, Stump Mitchell's Bears did just that, scratching out two league victories and going 4-7. It was just the second time since 1979 that the Bears did not finish last.

The offensive line returns virtually intact, led by Claron Ethley and guards Archie Glass and Willie Brown. Quarterback Willie McGirt will be pushed by JC transfer Donald Green. Fred Jenkins is the projected starting fullback. Incoming freshman Bobby Wilson broke all of Mitchell's rushing records at Camden County (GA) High School.

The Bears have depth at linebacker in James Hall, Brian Schultz, and Levar Patterson. Charlie Fields and Na'im Greene are the only veterans in the secondary. But the focal point of the unit will be all-MEAC nose guard Willie Thompson, converted to linebacker.

Though there was marked improvement in '96, the offense often had difficulty scoring. At the same time, many of its opponents did not. Still, Morgan's success from last year and a stellar recruiting class have Mitchell itching for September.

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

Last fall, Bethune had one of the league's most exciting players in wide receiver/return specialist Antwuan Wyatt. That, however, is about where the party stopped.

Despite Wyatt's brilliance, Bethune went winless in the conference and finished 2-9 overall. This season, former defensive coordinator Alvin Wyatt takes over the helm. Though his players are long on heart, they are short on size and strength. They gave up 275 rushing yards per game. Wyatt knows that if opponents can run like that, there won't be a need to throw. He's counting on a trio of linebackers to step up: Michael Womack, transfer Antron Wright, and Willie Oglesby, a former defensive back.

Steve Wallace and Yate Bryant combined for over 70 percent of the rushing yardage. Quarterback Todd Walker and receiver James Adderley have experience, and fifth-year senior center Joe Brown may be the unit's best player. But the team's lack of depth and size make for a tough road for the Wildcats.

BIG 12

The Longhorns' momentum may turn into a stampede.

BY TOM SHATEL
OMAHA WORLD-HERALD

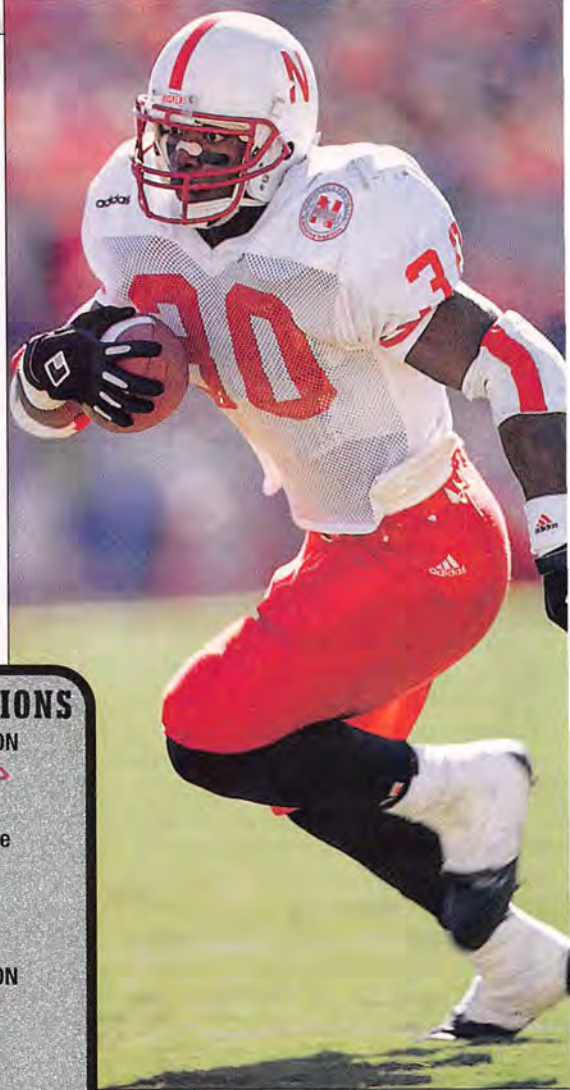
Before Texas upset two-time defending national champion Nebraska in the conference title game last December in St. Louis, the first Big 12 season looked entirely forgettable. Texas A&M lost to BYU. Texas fell to Notre Dame and Virginia. Nebraska was shut out at Arizona State. Oklahoma got WACKed. As the days grew shorter, it appeared the league would not have enough teams with enough wins to fill its six bowl spots.

The Big 12's inaugural season came down to a gutsy call on fourth-and-one and an unforgettable climax. Texas quarterback James Brown took the snap from his own 28 late in the game, rolled left, and found reserve tight end Derek Lewis for a 61-yard completion that sealed one of the greatest upsets, a 37-27 Longhorn victory, in UT history.

As for this year, in the North, Nebraska returns six offensive starters, but it has enough losses on defense that it passed on playing the Pigskin Classic on August 23. Colorado lost quarterback Koy Detmer, so career backup John Hessler becomes No. 1. Kansas State must replace its quarterback and secondary. After finishing strong, Missouri looks to move up at the expense of Kansas, which will be learning under first-year coach Terry Allen, and Iowa State, which is making the transition from Troy Davis to brother Darren Davis.

Look for the Longhorns, with 14 returning starters, to dominate the South Division. R.C. Slocum needs Texas A&M to stay healthy. Texas Tech returns 14 starters, but one of them is not Byron Hanspard, and the Red Raiders open at Tennessee. Baylor returns 16 regulars, but it will take time for them to get used to the system of new coach Dave Roberts. Oklahoma and Oklahoma State are a long way from bowl-ready.

This year's Big 12 game moves to San Antonio, where the Alamodome surely will be painted Longhorn orange. Will Nebraska get another shot at Brown? Or will Colorado solve the Huskers for the first time since 1990? Nothing is certain anymore in the Big 12.



Ahman Green, Nebraska

PREDICTIONS

NORTH DIVISION

1. Nebraska
2. Colorado
3. Kansas State
4. Missouri
5. Kansas
6. Iowa State

SOUTH DIVISION

1. Texas
2. Texas A&M
3. Texas Tech
4. Oklahoma
5. Oklahoma State
6. Baylor

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

James Brown,
QB, Texas

DEFENSE:

Grant Wistrom,
DE, Nebraska

NEWCOMER:

Michael Bishop,
QB, Kansas State

GAMES TO WATCH

Nebraska at
Washington,
September 20

Colorado at Texas,
October 25

Nebraska at Colorado,
November 28

NORTH DIVISION

NEBRASKA

Six defensive starters were taken in the last NFL draft, creating huge potholes that coach Tom Osborne needs to fill on the road to the Alamodome and the Orange Bowl.

All-America senior end Grant Wistrom and senior tackle Jason Peter are the big-play anchors on a defense that lost some of its overpowering 1996 personality. Replacing Jared Tomich at the other end won't be easy, but juniors Chad Kelsay and Mike Rucker have experience. The problems are at linebacker and in the secondary, where sophomore cornerback Ralph Brown (the Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year) is the lone returnee. Sophomore rover Mike Brown, senior free safety Eric Warfield,

and senior cornerback Leslie Dennis should develop into a top unit. Middle linebacker Jay Foreman and senior outside linebacker Octavious McFarlin turned heads during workouts in the spring.

The Huskers' defense is loaded with speed again. But it will need time to grow, which means the offense must start fast. The Huskers finished fifth in the nation in rushing in a "down" year for the line, which was never its typical dominant self. But there is optimism for the unit this season because junior Josh Heskeew has emerged as a capable center, allowing Aaron Taylor to return to left guard for his senior year. They will rejoin returning regulars Jon Zatechka and Eric Anderson up front.

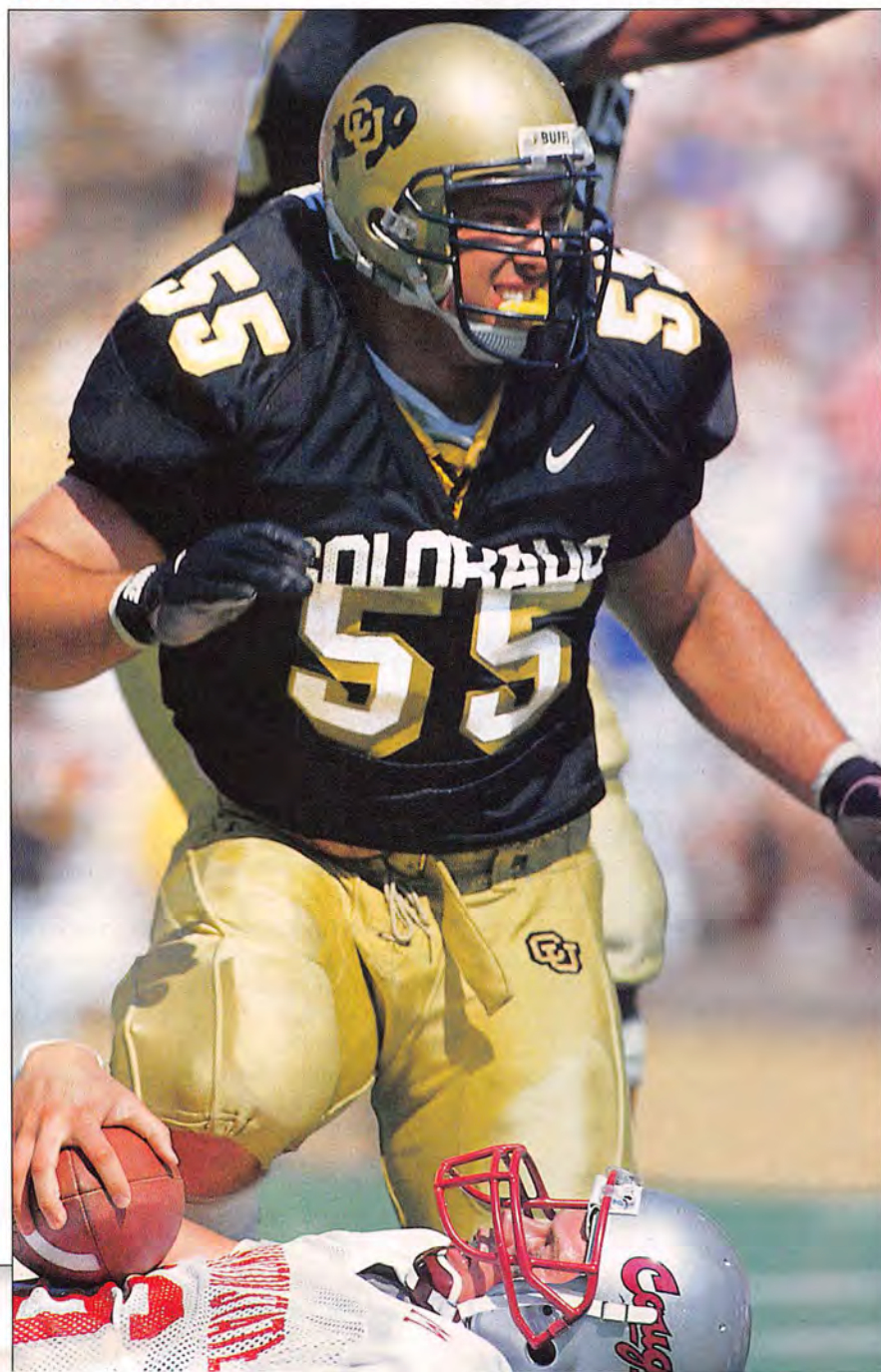
Nebraska needs junior I-back Ahman Green to return to his 1995 form after an injury-filled '96, especially with sophomore I-back DeAngelo Evans (776 yards) still recovering from a severe groin injury. Quarterback Scott Frost, who survived a mentally straining year and came back to play well in the loss to Texas and in the Orange Bowl victory over Virginia Tech, was horrid in the spring game. But Frost's biggest challenge this season might be keeping the Huskers awake until they play at Washington (September 20) and at Colorado (November 28) in the season's only make-or-break games.

COLORADO

John Hessler has waited three seasons to be Colorado's full-time quarterback. In 1995, with Koy Detmer sidelined with a knee injury, Hessler threw for 2,136 yards and 20 touchdowns. In his only significant action last season, he rallied Colorado past Texas, 28-24. Will coach Rick Neuheisel give him any run support? That's always the question at CU.

Senior Herchell Troutman (804 yards rushing) returns, but Colorado suffered a tragedy when running backs coach Ben Gregory died of a heart attack last spring. The Buffs experimented with a two-back set, but their league-leading passing attack (303.5 yards per game) should be in gear. Gone is All-America receiver Rae

Ryan Olson, Colorado



ALL-BIG 12 TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	James Brown	SR	Texas
RB	Ricky Williams	JR	Texas
RB	Ahman Green	JR	Nebraska
WR	Phil Savoy	SR	Colorado
WR	Ed Williams	SR	Iowa State
TE	Alonzo Mayes	SR	Oklahoma State
OL	Aaron Taylor	SR	Nebraska
OL	Eric Anderson	SR	Nebraska
OL	Ryan Fiebigger	SR	Texas
OL	Melvin Thomas	SR	Colorado
OL	Todd Weiner	SR	Kansas State
K	Phil Dawson	SR	Texas

DEFENSE

DL	Grant Wistrom	SR	Nebraska
DL	Jason Peter	SR	Nebraska
DL	Ryan Olson	SR	Colorado
DL	Chris Akins	SR	Texas
LB	Aaron Humphrey	SO	Texas
LB	Mark Simoneau	SO	Kansas State
LB	Dat Nguyen	JR	Texas A&M
DB	Tony Blevins	SR	Kansas
DB	Ryan Black	SR	Colorado
DB	Ralph Brown	SO	Nebraska
DB	Tony Darden	SR	Texas Tech
P	Jesse Kosch	SR	Nebraska

Curruth, but senior Phil Savoy, who is fifth on the school's receiving list, is back, as is junior Darrin Chiaverini, who caught seven passes for 94 yards and a touchdown in the Holiday Bowl. Three starters return on the line, including senior Melvin

Thomas, an Outland candidate who is moving from tackle to guard.

Colorado is feeling more comfy with the 4-3 attacking defense that is so trendy among college football's elite. Look for more blitzing. The line is solid, with seniors Ryan Olson and Viliani Maumau returning at tackle and junior Nick Ziegler, the defensive MVP of the Holiday Bowl, at end. Juniors Terrell Cade (moving from end) or Clifton Peters will try to fill the hole left by the departure of inside linebacker and Butkus Award winner Matt Russell. Senior Ryan Sutter or sophomore Rashidi Barnes will replace all-Big 12 free safety Steve Rosga.

The Buffs have a challenging schedule, including games at Michigan and Texas, but the talent to weather it. And speaking of weather, do the Buffs have a running game to beat Nebraska, still the biggest roadblock on their schedule, now that the "big game" is on Thanksgiving weekend? Everything else is in place.

KANSAS STATE

The Wildcats lost their starting quarterback, their all-time sack leader, their all-time leading receiver, and a two-time All-America cornerback. So why the big smiles in Manhattan?

Because Kansas State retains the look of a good football program. The school finally is at the 85-man scholarship maximum. Four starting offensive linemen weigh at least 300 pounds. There are three Parade All-Americans. And the Wildcats, who have won at least nine games the last four seasons, are coming off their first New Year's Day game (Cotton Bowl). Coach Bill Snyder has this program reloading annually. Now, can he find a way to beat Nebraska and Colorado?

It may be tougher this year because he has no experienced quarterback. The likely starter is junior Michael Bishop, who was one of the top juco quarterbacks, lead-

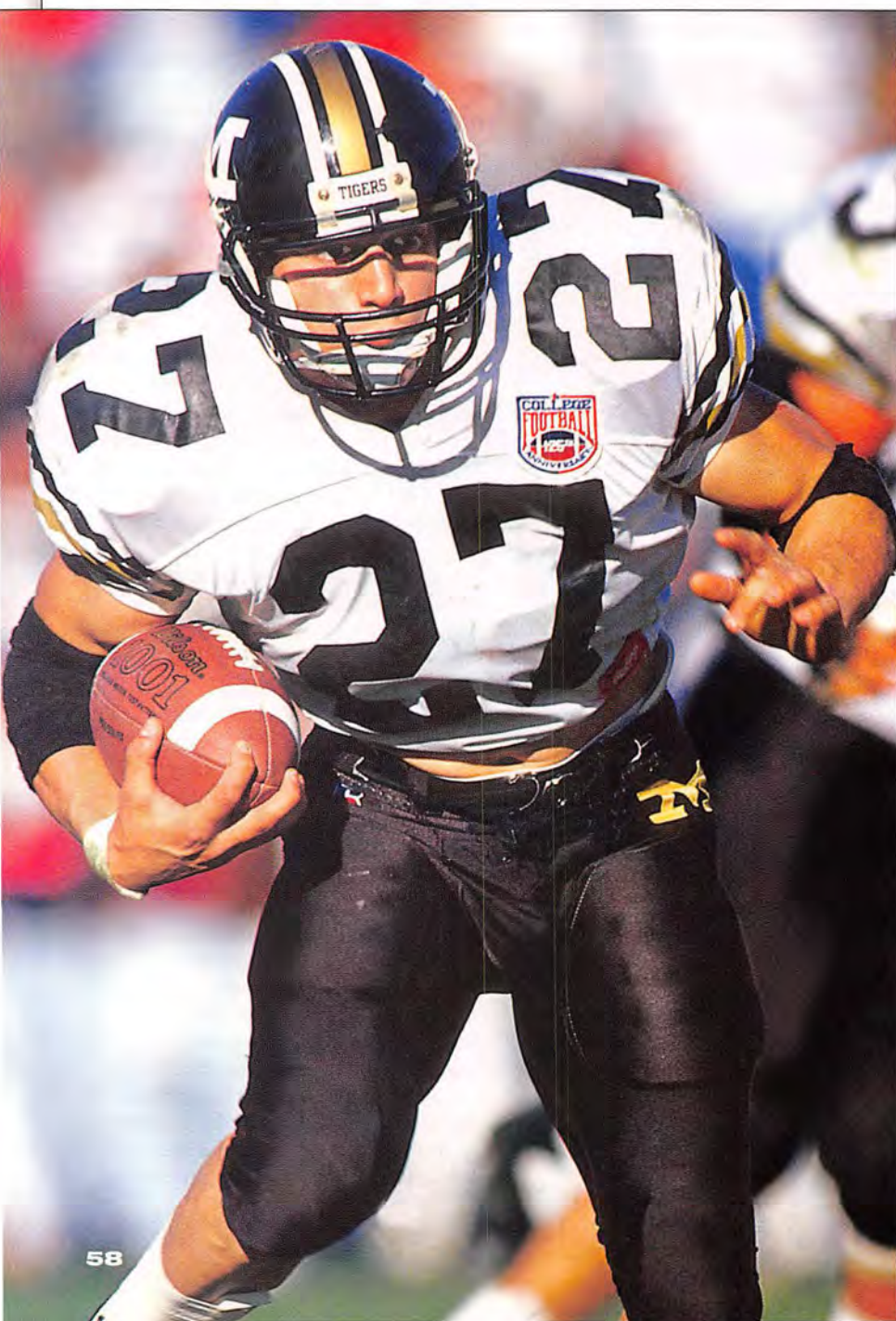
BIG 12

ing Blinn Community (Texas) to back-to-back national titles. The line should be one of the biggest, if not best, in the league: tackles Ryan Young and Todd Weiner, junior left guard Jeremy Martin, and senior Kendyl Jacox, who moves from right guard to center. Senior running back Mike Lawrence (982 yards, 10 touchdowns) also returns. Snyder may miss all-Big 12 receiver Kevin Lockett at first, but the position may be the deepest on the team. Andre Anderson will be pushed by a corps of jucos, including Everett Burnett, and freshman Julius McMillan. Senior tight end Jarrett Grosdidier caught 15 passes and three touchdowns.

The task is to replace a secondary that



Travis Ochs, Kansas State



was called the best in the nation. Senior Demetric Denmark started three games. Sophomore Lamar Chapman is the free safety, with juco transfer Keith Black at the corner vacated by two-time All-America Chris Canty. The linebacking figures to be strong with the return of junior Travis Ochs and sophomore Mark Simoneau, both former league defensive freshmen of the year. Senior Jerome Evans is the only returning starter on the line.

MISSOURI

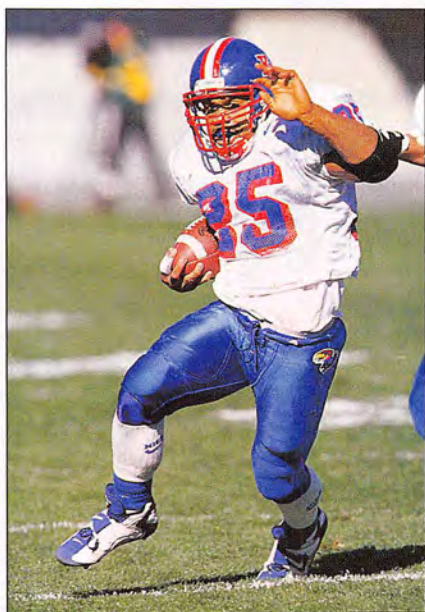
There is a quiet optimism in Tiger Town. Quiet, because Missouri football hasn't had a winning season or been to a bowl since 1983. Optimistic, because the Tigers are showing signs of revival. It started with three victories in the final five games of 1996 and the best record, 5-6, since 1987. There is a newly renovated Memorial Stadium and 16 returning starters.

If Mizzou is to end its string of 13 straight losing seasons, much will ride on junior quarterback Corby Jones, an option-maker whose quick feet enabled him to gain 742 yards and score nine touchdowns. The coaches spent the spring working with Jones on his passing. That could take heat off the running backs, led by senior tailback Brock Olivo, the never-say-die local hero who has gutted out 2,348 career yards and needs just 260 to pass James Wilder and Darrell Wallace for the school record. Tailback Devin West and fullback Ernest Blackwell return, as do sophomore center Rob Riti, senior guard Mike Morris, senior tackle Travis Biebel, and junior left tackle Todd Neimeyer, a unit that helped MU rank ninth in the nation in rushing in 1996 and allowed just 12 sacks.

If the Tigers can improve their turnover margin (minus 15, 106th in the nation), they should be able to hold the ball enough on offense to allow the defense time to rebuild. Senior inside linebacker Kevin Ford and junior strong safety Caldronoff Easter are the leaders. Two players emerged in the spring: walk-on linebacker Pat Duffy, who was originally set to go to Iowa two years ago, and junior cornerback Martez Young, one of the Big 12's top sprinters and a former receiver.

The only thing that could delay progress at Mizzou is a schedule that includes Ohio State, Tulsa, and Texas outside of the North Division.

Brock Olivo, Missouri



Eric Vann, Kansas

KANSAS

Not much is expected from a team that lost its leading rusher, leading receiver, and leading tackler from a squad that finished 4-7 overall and 2-6 in the league. So all eyes will be on first-year head coach Terry Allen and his rebuilding plan.

Allen was an intriguing pick for KU when Glen Mason headed north to Minnesota. He built his alma mater, Northern Iowa, into a I-AA power with a 75-26 record in eight seasons, peaking with a 12-2 mark and a No. 3 ranking at the end of the 1996 playoffs. Can he take KU to the next level? Can he at least beat Kansas State? Yes. At UNI, he was 1-0 vs. K-State.

Allen, known for his explosive, wide-open offense, could use last year's Jayhawk offense, including running back June Henley and receiver Isaac Byrd, both drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs. Instead, he's got a potential quarterback controversy, with incumbent starter and senior Matt Johnner and Zac Wegner, a sophomore who seems to fit Allen's four-receiver offense better. But can Allen find four receivers? John Gordon, who started five games as a freshman, leads an untested corps. Only two starters, right tackle Justin Glasgow and left guard Dameon Hunt, return on the line, and the projected starting running back, senior Eric Vann, spent the '96 season primarily as a receiver and kick returner.

Good thing the defense returns eight regulars, led by second-team all-conference free safety Tony Blevins and senior linebacker Jason Thoren.

IOWA STATE

Someone named Davis will be running the ball for Iowa State this fall. But that may be the only thing familiar to Cyclone fans. Sophomore Darren Davis will take over for his big brother, Troy, Iowa State's all-time leading rusher. Darren seems ready. He ran for 136 yards and four touchdowns on 15 carries in the ISU spring game and displayed more open-field moves than his hard-running brother. But what will third-year coach Dan McCarney put around Davis?

Senior left guard Matt Rahfaldt is the lone returning starter up front. McCarney is going to shift emphasis to more passing with Todd Bandhauer, who, unlike the scrambling Todd Doxzon, is a classic drop-back quarterback. An injury to Doxzon last year ruined McCarney's hope for a 1996

redshirt for Bandhauer, who played in just two games after starting four in 1995 as a freshman. With senior split end Ed Williams (34 catches for 491 yards) back, the Cyclones may not rely as much on Davis running the ball.

John Skladany, who put together WAC-leading defenses at Colorado State, will be in charge of shoring up a defense that blew second-half leads to Colorado, Oklahoma State, Baylor, Wyoming, and Kansas last year. Nine starters return, including senior nose guard Greg Schoon and junior left corner Dawan Anderson. For a team with many new faces, there will be a lot of pressure to win the August 30 opener at home against Oklahoma State. After that, games at Wyoming, at Minnesota, and versus Iowa in Ames could send the Cyclones reeling.

Darren Davis, Iowa State



BIG 12

SOUTH DIVISION

TEXAS

A year ago, there was no shortage of talent at UT, but plenty of questions about whether coach John Mackovic could put it together in the competitive Big 12. Then came losses to Notre Dame, Virginia and, ouch, Oklahoma. But one play, the fourth-down conversion to beat Nebraska in the Big 12 title game, has given the Longhorns the most momentum of any team in the conference. Optimism abounds in Austin after what Mackovic called "the best spring" in his six years. Texas returns 14 starters and the confidence of having won a game against Nebraska that everyone thought they would lose badly.

Senior quarterback James Brown will be remembered for a gutsy performance in which he ripped the Husker defense for 353 yards passing. Junior Ricky Williams is moving to tailback after gaining 1,272 yards at fullback. His running and Brown's passing doomed Nebraska, and that combination should be even more lethal in 1997.

The Longhorns should have the league's top offense, even with the loss of All-Americans Michael Adams (UT's all-time leading receiver), tight end Pat Fitzgerald, and guard Dan Neil. The line returns four starters: junior left guard Ben Adams, juniors Octavious Bishop

Brannndon Stewart, Texas A&M

and Jay Humphrey, and senior center Ryan Fiebiger. Tight end Derek Lewis showed his big-play potential on the Big 12 title game's biggest play. A speedy receiving corp of new faces, led by junior Wane McGarity, lacks only experience.

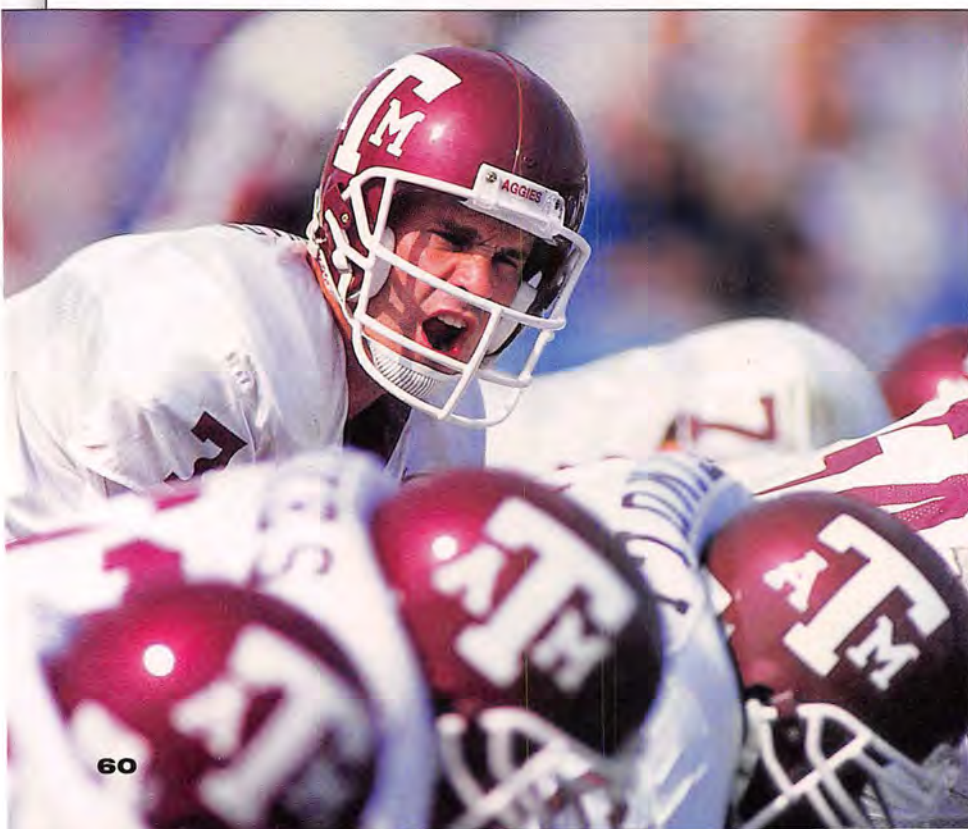
James Brown, Texas

Six starters return among the defensive front seven, led by senior tackle Chris Akins, sophomore middle linebacker Aaron Humphrey, and junior linebacker Dusty Renfro. The problem will be to rebuild a secondary that lost four starters, including All-America Bryant Westbrook. The replacements look to be junior cornerback Tony Holmes, who played in eight games and is coming off knee surgery, and senior Quinton Wallace, who has moved from wide receiver to cornerback.

With a schedule that includes home games against Rutgers, UCLA, and Colorado, Texas will have a chance to compete for the national championship. The Longhorns' momentum may turn into a stampede.

TEXAS A&M

Texas A&M returns 15 starters from last year's team. But the biggest news in Aggieland is the arrival of four new assistant coaches, including new coordinators for offense (Steve Marshall) and defense (Mike Hankwitz) to try to



remedy a disappointing 6-6 record. Head coach R.C. Slocum also brought in Ray Dorr from Kentucky as quarterback coach and Steve Kragthorpe from Boston College to coach the wide receivers. In other words, he wants improved offense.

Maybe Marshall and Dorr can make something click with junior quarterback Brannon Stewart, who was spotty after transferring from Tennessee. Stewart completed 48.8 percent of his passes for 1,904 yards and nine touchdowns with seven interceptions. He will be surrounded by eight players with at least seven starts in 1996, including tackles Cameron Spikes and Chris Ruhman, guards Semisi Heimuli and Steve McKinney, and Sirt Parker, one of four running backs who gained at least 500 yards. The Aggies' problem was mistakes: 20 lost fumbles and 89 penalties. Maybe it will help Stewart to have backups Randy McCown and Shane Lechler breathing down his neck.

Since Hankwitz, who built great defenses at Colorado under Bill McCartney, didn't get the Kansas job or leave with Glen Mason for Minnesota, he became the perfect man to shore up Slocum's defense. Linebacker is set with All-America candidate Dat Nguyen, a junior who led A&M with 146 tackles (including nine for losses). But the line and secondary need to be rebuilt.

TEXAS TECH

A successful 1996 season in which the Red Raiders had a Heisman Trophy candidate, finished ahead of Texas A&M in the South, and went to the Alamo Bowl went sour in a hurry. First, there was the pitiful 27-0 loss to Iowa in San Antonio. Then, the news that Heisman candidate Byron Hanspard was turning pro after a fall semester grade point average of 0.00. Now, this news: Clint Robertson, the heir apparent to Hanspard, blew out his knee in the spring's final scrimmage.

Good thing coach Spike Dykes has a sense of humor. Not to mention an experienced quarterback in senior Zebbie Lethridge, one of only five returning starters on offense. Lethridge has had an inconsistent career, including a junior year in which he completed just 43.8 percent of his passes, but he has started 33 straight games and led Tech to three straight bowl appearances. Losing Hanspard and Robertson will hurt. The backups are redshirt freshmen James Easterling and Anthony Malbrough. And the offensive line is being rebuilt with

junior college additions and redshirt freshmen, including 6-5, 380-pound Jonathan "House" Gray. At receiver is junior Donnie Hart. Placekicker Jaret Greaser returns. Junior punter Jeremy Hernandez, who averaged 41 yards last year, could see a lot of work.

With so much up in the air on offense, Dykes will rely heavily on his defense to keep him in games. It should be up to the task with seven starters back, including four seniors: middle linebacker Eric Butler, tackles Corey Chandler and Cody McGuire, and cornerback Tony Darden. Darden and Co. will find out how good they are in a hurry. They open the season August 30 against Peyton Manning and Tennessee in Knoxville.

OKLAHOMA

Think back 10 years. Could you have imagined Oklahoma as an underdog against Northwestern? That's the state of Sooner football after a 1996 season that was a wild rollercoaster for the proud tradition of Oklahoma foot-

ball. The Sooners started with losses to TCU, Tulsa, and San Diego State, beat rival Texas, and ended up 3-8, the worst record in modern school history.

Now, in coach John Blake's second year, the Sooners want to take the first steps back to respectability. That was obviously a reason behind agreeing to play in the August 23 Pigskin Classic against Northwestern (plus the \$650,000 paycheck). Oklahoma jumped at the chance to be on national TV. The nation will see an OU team with budding talent but still plenty of growing pains.

Sophomore halfback DeMond Parker, the Big 12 Offensive Newcomer of the Year (1,184 yards), could be a star. The line is solid behind senior center Bruce McClure and tight ends Stephen Alexander and Jason Freeman. But the quarterback position, which was fuzzy last year, didn't clear up much in the spring. Junior Eric Moore lost his job to sophomore Justin Fuente, a pure passer who threw for 1,271 yards and eight touchdowns in eight starts.

Zebbie Lethridge, Texas Tech



BIG 12

Six defensive regulars return, but the biggest news of the spring came with the early reviews of Brandon Daniels's move to safety. Daniels, who has 4.4 speed, was a prep All-America at receiver. The unit is anchored by strongside linebacker Travian Smith and tackle Kelly Gregg, who OU coaches said was "almost impossible" to block in the spring.

The Sooners have a challenging non-conference slate: Syracuse and Louisville at home and a game at Cal, plus games with Baylor, Kansas State, Oklahoma State, and Texas A&M all at home.

OKLAHOMA STATE

The Cowboys won four games in coach Bob Simmons's first year.

Then, last year, they won five. So, Oklahoma State is ready for a winning season in 1997, right? Let's not get excited. There are plenty of reasons for optimism in Stillwater, not the least of which is that the Cowboys had 103 players in spring practice, the first time they've had that many since getting hit with NCAA probation in 1989. And 17 starters return. But in his third season, Simmons has some big holes to fill.

The biggest is at quarterback, where Tone' Jones is gone and the spot is open for sophomore Chris Chaloupka, redshirt freshman Tony Lindsay, or junior Joe Phears. Give a slight edge to Chaloupka, who played in six games in 1996 and started the Texas Tech game when Jones was hurt. Senior tailback Andre Richard-

DeMond Parker, Oklahoma



Alonzo Mayes, Oklahoma State

son, who has spent his career backing up David Thompson, takes over the starting job. He is just eight yards shy of 2,000 career yards. All-conference senior tight end Alonzo Mayes is a dangerous combination of good hands, size (6-5, 285), and blocking ability.

Defensively, the Cowboys will be anchored by sophomore linebackers Kenyatta Wright and Raymond Cato and junior free safety R.W. McQuarters, who doubles as a kick returner and should be back in form after missing the last four games of 1996 with an ankle injury. The Cowboys open at Iowa State and Southwestern Louisiana, and on September 13 begin a five-week homestand against Fresno State, Northeast Louisiana, Texas, Colorado, and Missouri that could be crucial to both their confidence and development.

BAYLOR

Pardon the folks at Baylor if they are excited about their new coach, Dave Roberts. From 1989-93, Roberts won two Southland Conference titles at Northeast Louisiana. In 1986, while at Western Kentucky, Roberts was ranked by *Sports Illustrated* among the top five football recruiters in the country, along with Bo Schembechler, Barry Switzer, Joe Paterno, and Terry Donahue. And the last three years, he was Lou Holtz's offensive coordinator, quarterbacks coach, and top recruiter at Notre Dame.

Baylor, which finished 1-7 in the weak Big 12 South and 4-7 overall, returns 15 starters, but there isn't much depth. The Bears open with Miami at home, go to Michigan on September 20, and host Nebraska later in the season.

The new offense will take some time. Roberts installed a short passing attack that runs multiple schemes. When the Bears do run, they should do it well. Senior tailback Jerod Douglas, who has 2,254 career yards, leads a deep backfield. Dexter Ford and Elijah Burkins gained experience when Douglas was injured most of 1996. The line returns four starters, led by senior right tackle Michael Johnson, but experience is lacking at receiver. At quarterback are senior Jeff Watson and junior Jermaine Alfred.

After a brilliant 1995 campaign, the Baylor defense fell hard in 1996, dropping to 106th in total defense (467.9 yards per game allowed) and 111th against the run (285.9). But there is some hope with a new 4-3 look and seven returning starters.



PIONEER LEAGUE

Dayton has won all but one league title since 1993.

BY PAUL JANKOWSKI
THE VIDETTE-TIMES

Balance is the name of the game in the Pioneer Football League. This I-AA non-scholarship conference will never be mistaken for any league that calls itself Big. There is one sure thing: Dayton. The former Division III powerhouse has won all but one league title since the PFL's inception in 1993. Last season, the Flyers went 11-0 for the school's first perfect record since winning the Division III national championship in 1980. This season, the Flyers' only PFL road game, at Drake on October 11, will probably decide the league champion.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Kevin Johns,
QB, Dayton

DEFENSE:

Jace Smrcka,
DT, Drake

GAME TO WATCH

Dayton at Drake
October 11

DAYTON

For the first time since 1992, coach Mike Kelly returns his starting quarterback. Kevin Johns passed for school records of 1,980 yards and 21 touchdowns and the offense averaged 444 yards and 37 points. Pat Hugar caught 38 passes, 10 for TDs. Center Joel Cutler is the only returnee on the line.

The Flyers have five starters back on defense. The secondary is strong with safety Eric Belcher and corners Jeff Verhoff and Bumper McKinley. Linebacker Sean Gorius ranked third on the team with 90 tackles and four interceptions, and lineman Peter Wehrman also returns.

DRAKE

Dayton is the only PFL team coach Rob Ash and the Bulldogs have had trouble with recently. With 14 starters returning from an 8-3 team, and a home date with the Flyers, Drake could reclaim the league title it won in 1995. All-PFL defensive tackle Jace Smrcka leads a unit that yielded an average of 15.8 points in five PFL games. A strong secondary features safety Jeremy Fisher and corner Jamie Marshall.

Quarterback Ben Wolford is gone, but the Bulldogs prefer to run, and the two key backs return:

Sean Bennett, Evansville



Charlie Schimberg (992 yards) and Jason Grove (754). Kyle Hughes is the heir apparent at quarterback.

EVANSVILLE

Robin Cooper may have the manpower to make a run at the PFL title. The man who could lead the way is junior Sean Bennett, an Evansville native who played baseball at Illinois before transferring. Despite not having played football for three years, he was second in the PFL in rushing (1,189 yards) and third among I-AA players in scoring (118 points). Sophomore Drew Purcell takes over at quarterback. The best of the returning receivers is junior Vince Tweddell.

A young defense includes junior safety Ryan Menke, linebackers Eric Gardner, Greg Nolan, and Scott Newman, and linemen Greg Schultheis and Matt Martin.

PREDICTIONS

1. Dayton
2. Drake
3. Evansville
4. Butler
5. Valparaiso
6. San Diego

BUTLER

The transition from Division II to I-AA non-scholarship was hard for Ken LaRose. His 1994 team tied for the PFL title. Since then, Butler has struggled to 2-8 and 3-7 records. Naim Sanders led the league and was 11th in I-AA with 1,284 yards rushing. He'll be joined in the backfield by quarterback Eli Stoddard and fullback Lucas Marrs. Brad Thompson, Chad Carlberg, Chris Murphy, David Kremer, and Nick Batalis comprise a veteran line.

All-PFL nose guard Ron Griswold anchors a defense that includes ends Jim Holsclaw and Randy Renschen, tackle Brandon Rose, linebacker Nick Winings, and backs Kyle Condon, Jason Craney, Vic Martin, and Joe Miles.

VALPARAISO

Replacing Nick Browder, the school's all-time passing leader, is the big task for Tom Horne, whose team finished 4-6 and won just one PFL game. The line returns Nathan Kline, Michael Meeks, and Eric Rodbro. Horne will turn to veterans Eric Zodrow, Causi Swopes, and Alex English. Bob Cracknell and Jodie Hart carry the backfield load.

Senior free safety Ike Anigbo rejoins Ray Hiller and John Wood in the secondary. Ends Jon Wrench and Ray Cirks are experienced, as are linebackers Chris Stewart and Jim Rashid.

SAN DIEGO

Kevin McGarry must replace more than 70 percent of his offense from a 4-6 team. Senior Mike Doherty takes over at quarterback behind a revamped line built around senior Jon Walker. Matt Brown is the leading returning rusher. Dylan Ching may have been the best young receiver in the league.

The key defensive players are lineman Buddy Brown and back Sal Navarro, who sat out last year as a redshirt. Placekicker Tim Roth was all-PFL.

GATEWAY CONFERENCE

Youngstown State will take the crown from Northern Iowa.

BY PAUL JANKOWSKI
THE VIDETTE TIMES

Thanks, but no thanks, the Mid-American Conference told Youngstown State a couple of years ago. The Penguins wanted the MAC, but the MAC wanted nothing to do with Youngstown State, a Division I-AA football powerhouse. The 1991, 1993, and 1994 national champs may have had an immediate impact in the MAC, chasing the coveted bid for the Las Vegas Bowl. So Youngstown, an independent in football, continued its search for a league affiliation. The Gateway Conference welcomed the Penguins in March. "The finest I-AA football conference in the land," said YSU coach Jim Tressel.

He has a point. Last year Gateway teams had a 27-13 overall nonconference record, including a national-best 19 victories against I-AA opponents. For the second straight year, two conference teams advanced to the national playoffs: Northern Iowa and Western Illinois. While there's little doubt the Gateway is recognized as topnotch among I-AA observers, the addition of Youngstown State simply adds respectability. And expect the Penguins to win the conference crown away from Northern Iowa, which has won or shared the Gateway title every year since 1990.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Alonzo Clayton,
WR, Northern Iowa

DEFENSE:

Tyree Talton,
DB, Northern Iowa

NEWCOMER:

Anthony Williams,
WR, Indiana State

GAME TO WATCH

Youngstown State at
Northern Iowa,
October 18

YOUNGSTOWN STATE

Coach Jim Tressel and the Penguins reversed their dismal 1995 record of 3-8 to finish 8-3 last season with a young squad, although missing the playoffs was a disappointment. Expect the turnaround to continue, as 19 players with starting experience are back. The most interesting battle is at quarterback, where senior Demond Tidwell and sophomore Jared Zwick split time. Tidwell may have the edge, having completed 68 of 119 passes for 921 yards and six touchdowns last fall. Other skill players returning include running backs Adrian Brown and Jake Andreadis, the

PREDICTIONS

1. Youngstown State
2. Northern Iowa
3. Southwest Missouri State
4. Western Illinois
5. Indiana State
6. Illinois State
7. Southern Illinois

NORTHERN IOWA

The Panthers' string of seven consecutive Gateway titles may come to an end, and with it the automatic bid to the playoffs. But new coach Mike Dunbar, the offensive coordinator the last five years at Toledo, inherits a talented squad from Terry Allen, who left after eight seasons to become head coach at Kansas. Despite losing 26 seniors from last year's 12-2 team, there's probably enough talent to secure an at-large bid if the Panthers are knocked off the Gateway throne.

Northern has the league's two premier players in split end Alonzo Clayton and defensive back Tyree Talton. Clayton managed 1,116 receiving yards on 56 catches despite playing in the shadow of Dedric Ward, who finished his career second all-time in receiving yards (3,876) behind Mississippi Valley State's great Jerry Rice (4,693). Clayton is one of six returning offensive starters. The biggest hole to fill is at quarterback, where senior Jason Jones must replace all-conference first-teamer Steve Beard.

Talton is solid in the secondary (nine interceptions) and is a flashy kickoff returner. The junior amassed 927 yards on 27 returns with three TDs, the longest a 97-yarder. He's one of seven returnees on defense, which includes back Terrance Malone, linemen Erik Nelson and Jay Heimsoth, and linebackers Tendai Muyengwa and Brandon Williams.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

Coach Del Miller knew it would take awhile for the Bears to get accustomed to his wide-open, pass-oriented offense when he took over in 1995. His team experienced some growing pains that season, finishing 4-7, but reversed that with a 7-4 performance last fall and a tie for second in the league. Now, with seven offensive starters returning, the Bears will compete for the Gateway title and make a run at a I-AA playoff berth.

Hopes center around senior quarterback Jeremy Hoog, who threw for 2,196 yards last year and needs just 30 yards to break the school's all-time career passing-yardage record. Hoog's main target is senior Jason Cannon, who caught 40 passes for 480 yards and five TDs. Chance Thurman returns after starting





Jeremy Hoog, Southwest Missouri

six games as a freshman. All-conference tackles Brad Kubik and Jason Whittle lead an experienced line that also returns guards Aaron Light and Ryan Touhey.

Experience is thin on defense, where linebackers Brad Duke and Davis Moore and strong safety Mike Holloway are the only returning regulars. The Bears lost another key player in kicking specialist Wayne Boyer, who led all I-AA kickers with 25 field goals and was seventh in the nation in punting.

WESTERN ILLINOIS

The Leathernecks surprised a lot of folks by going 9-2 and earning a postseason berth. Western started off 9-1, with the only loss a 10-7 decision to Indiana State, and finished by falling to Northern Iowa (30-6) in the regular season finale and to Murray State (34-6) in the I-AA playoffs. Western, directed by eighth-year coach Randy Ball, has the offense to contend for an upper-division finish, led by senior quarterback Jeff Hecklinski. But the defense may be a little suspect, since just four starters return.

Hecklinski may be the best quarterback in the league, having earned second-team all-conference honors. His numbers were impressive (141 of 222 for 1,739 yards), but he has just one receiver returning in junior Thedo Griffin (21 catches). Hecklinski will get plenty of protection from a line that returns center Chip McPheeters, guard Jason Grott, and tackles Jim Van Vlymen and big Bob Dymont (6-7, 295).

Sophomore linebacker Ty Locatelli leads the defense. He had 99 tackles,

including 10 for losses, and 11 pass breakups. Junior free safety Frank Spragins added 103 tackles. Other veterans are junior end Don Shymkewich and junior tackle Brad Ross.

INDIANA STATE

Newcomers at the skill positions must come through if the Sycamores are to contend in the Gateway. Coach Dennis Raetz, the dean of league coaches in his 18th season, returns one of his most experienced offensive lines from a 6-5 squad, but he went into spring practice searching for new players at several key positions. One of the newcomers who will have an impact is wide receiver Anthony Williams. A hometown product from Terre Haute North High School, Williams transferred from Michigan, where he was a backup to former All-Americans Mercury Hayes and Amani Toomer. Williams will have one year of eligibility, and he's expected to be a focal point of the Sycamore offense. Junior Matt Gajewski, also an ISU baseball player, will be the starting quarterback. The returning linemen are guards Mike Nichols and Ace Robertson, center Doug Hurt, tackle Marque Wiese, and tight end Chad Ames.

Free safety Robert High was third on the team in tackles (90) and senior Matt Graham, the only returning linebacker, was fourth. Strong safety Kyle Bibbs rejoins them on the unit with ends David Hunter and Shannon Jackson and nose tackle David Remter.

ILLINOIS STATE

The Redbirds will have to rely on a defense that includes seven returning regulars in order to avoid the Gateway cellar again. Coach Todd Berry's first ISU squad finished 0-5 in the league, but the 3-8 overall record included one highlight: a double-overtime 31-28 victory over Youngstown State.

All-America candidate Larry Fitzpatrick, a senior tackle, heads the returnees on an experienced defensive line. He'll be joined up front by ends Travis Niekamp, an honorable mention all-conference player, and Ryan Healy. Pharoh Mathis, who missed last season with a knee injury, provides depth at end. The top returning linebackers are Tim Angsten, Phillip Robinson, and Percy Scott, who led the Redbirds with three interceptions. Sophomore strong safety Adam Franklin is the only veteran in the secondary.

Running back Daryl Jones is the top player from an offense that ranked last in the Gateway in rushing and scoring. Quarterback is the biggest question mark. Sophomores Ryan Spielman and Darnell Jones battled in the spring, but true freshmen Kevin Glenn and Wayne Riley figure to get their shot in the summer. Tackle Eric Delaere, guard Robert Zielinski, and center Matt Rosner return on the line. The Redbirds must replace long-time kicker Todd Kurz.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Jan Quarless, formerly the offensive coordinator at Wake Forest, has to rebuild a team that finished 5-6 overall (1-4 in the Gateway) under Shawn Watson, now an assistant at Northwestern.

Senior wide receiver Reggie Fowler, a second-team all-Gateway selection, ranked third in the league in receiving yards per game (67.7). He needs just 19 catches to tie the school record of 123 set by Billy Swain in 1965. Throwing to him will be junior Kent Skornia, a transfer from Missouri, or Marcus Capone, a junior college transfer last year. Neither won the No. 1 job during spring practice. The other offensive returnees are fullback Bryan Noltbertowicz and linemen Jason Krivis, Nate Orsburn, and Lawrence Watkins. The biggest hole to fill is at tight end after the departure of Damon Jones, a fifth-round draft pick of the Jacksonville Jaguars. Linebackers Ryan Hallahan and Greg Harrison, lineman David Reid, and back Duane Lawrence are the only regulars back on defense.

Florida remains the team to beat in the nation's toughest league.

BY TOMMY HICKS
MOBILE REGISTER

Forgive the Southeastern Conference if it struts its stuff again. After all, the league had a 5-0 bowl record, picked up another national championship, and had five teams—No. 1 Florida, No. 9 Tennessee, No. 11 Alabama, No. 12 LSU, and No. 24 Auburn—finish in the final Associated Press poll. For the 16th straight season, the league had the best attendance in the country. The most important thing for the SEC is that they all return: the teams, the fans, and probably the rankings.

The SEC East is expected to offer some improved offensive punch from teams that haven't displayed much in recent seasons. But some things don't change, and in recent history that has meant Florida is the team to beat in the East—and in the SEC proper, for that matter. The same holds true this season.

Even though Peyton Manning stayed at Tennessee and Danny Wuerffel, Ike Hilliard, and Reidel Anthony are gone at Florida, it is still the Vols' task to defeat Florida, a task that has proved difficult for Tennessee in the past and one that will be difficult again this fall. That leaves Georgia, South Carolina, Vanderbilt, and Kentucky playing for third place.

It was just a couple of seasons ago that LSU fans were wondering when their team would contend again in the Southeastern Conference. LSU did earn a 10-2 record and renewed national interest a year ago. The wait is over. The time is now. The Tigers will be the team to beat in the West. First, however, they have to beat Auburn, which is back on track, and Alabama, which must again be considered a threat. Arkansas is improved, Ole Miss will be off NCAA probation, and Mississippi State returns 15 starters. The West will be wild again.

All in all, it will be a typical SEC season.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Peyton Manning,
QB, Tennessee

DEFENSE:

Michael Myers,
DE, Alabama

NEWCOMER:

Bo Carroll,
RB, Florida

GAMES TO WATCH

Tennessee at Florida,
September 20

Auburn at LSU,
September 20

Florida at LSU,
October 11

Notre Dame at LSU,
November 15

Florida at Florida St.,
November 22

SEC EAST

FLORIDA

Just how deep the Gators' roster is will become more obvious this season, the year after their national championship. While Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Danny Wuerffel and receivers Ike Hilliard and Reidel Anthony are gone, along with Lawrence Wright, Donnie Young, Anthone Lott, and Jeff Mitchell, there is still plenty of talent at Florida.

The Gators will be a young team. Doug Johnson steps into the starting role at quarterback—if he isn't replaced by Noah Brindise, a former walk-on with strong skills. Elijah Williams was moved from tailback to defensive back and Terry Jackson from tailback to fullback to make more playing time available to Fred Taylor and newcomers Eugene McCaslin and Bo Carroll.

Don't weep for coach Steve Spurrier, who still has Jacquez Green, Jamie Richardson, Nafis Karim, Travis McGriff, and Ian Skinner. The line, banged up

last year, is now experienced and features returning starters Ryan Kalich, Mo Collins, and Zach Piller.

Seven defensive regulars return, with the front carrying loads of experience and talent. Ends Tim Beauchamp, Willie Cohens, Anthony Mitchell, and Willie Rodgers are all back, as are tackles Ed Chester and Reggie McGrew. The linebackers are strong, led by Jevon Kearse, Mike Peterson, and Johnny Rutledge. The biggest question mark is in the secondary, where Lott and Wright will be missed. Williams will probably start at one corner with Fred Weary at the other.

Overall, this is expected to be the best defensive team Florida has produced during Spurrier's tenure, thanks to the talent level and the hiring of coordinator Bob Stoops last season.

Tennessee travels to Florida on September 20. The Gators also face Florida State, Auburn, LSU, and Georgia.

TENNESSEE

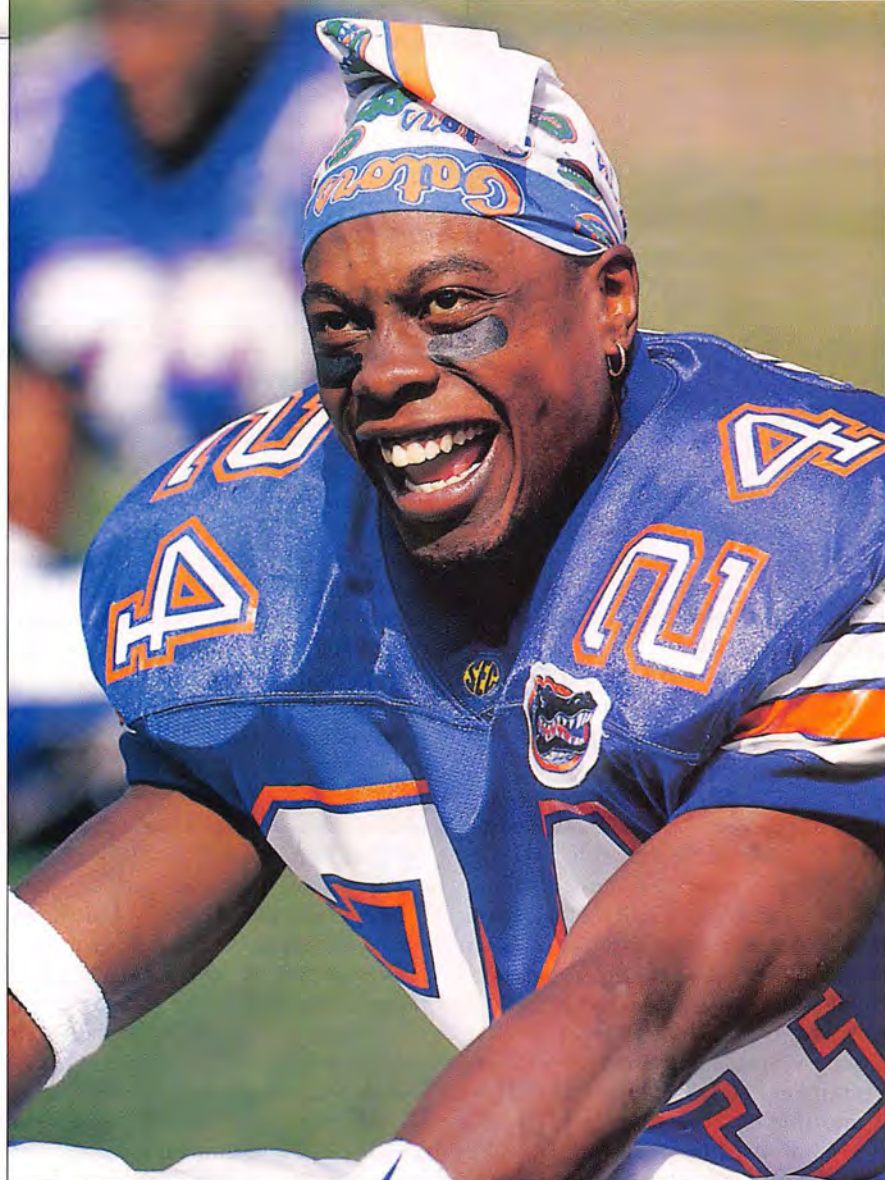
With Peyton Manning returning for his senior season instead of skipping off to the NFL—the Vols now have one last shot to defeat Florida with Manning in charge. And they must do so in Gainesville this fall.

The Gators' success has hampered Tennessee's success of late. The Vols are 21-3 the past two years, but second to Florida both times. To win the East title and earn a spot in the SEC championship game, the key is simple: Beat Florida.

Manning's return gives the Big Orange faithful hope toward that goal. The talented passer and leader is just one of seven offensive starters returning from

Leonard Little, Tennessee





Fred Weary, Florida

last year's 10-2 team. He'll have wide receivers Marcus Nash, Peerless Price, Andy McCullough, Jeremaine Copeland, and Benjie Shuler and tight ends Eric Digu and Neil Johnson to throw to, and five linemen back to protect him. Jay Graham is gone, but Manning can hand the ball to Mark Levine, Shawn Bryson, and Brian Darden. Strong-armed quarterback Tee Martin is waiting in the wings. Place-kicker Jeff Hall also returns.

With all the attention focused on Manning and the offense, the Vols' defense went about its task in strong fashion a year ago, finishing first in the SEC in total defense and scoring defense. The marquee player is end Leonard Little. He rejoins six other defensive starters: tackles Bill Duff and Ron Green, end Jonathan Brown, linebacker Al Wilson, and deep backs Terry Fair and Tori Noel.

The linebacking and the secondary must find some help before the first game of the year. The defense will concentrate

on finding a way to stop the Gators. After all, the Vols are 7-1 in the SEC in each of the past two seasons. Both losses were to Florida, denting Tennessee's league and national championship hopes.

GEORGIA

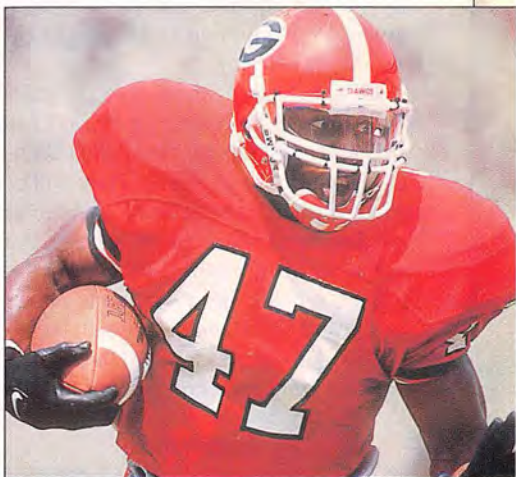
The Bulldogs were a mystery. Expected to have a strong season, the first under Jim Donnan, the Dawgs went

5-6, including a 3-5 mark in the SEC. It was a year that started with losses to Southern Miss and South Carolina and included victories at Auburn and Mississippi State. Injuries played a part, but inconsistency was the biggest factor.

Mike Bobo returns at quarterback, 20 pounds lighter than last season, allowing him better mobility. Robert Edwards rejoins Patrick Pass at tailback. Brad Stafford showed significant improvement at center. Wide receiver Corey Allen and tight ends Larry Brown and Jermaine Wiggins will help. In all, eight regulars return on an offense that was filled with potential but lacking in production last season.

Hines Ward, who has played several positions for the Dawgs in his career, will be at wide receiver. He has a chance to become the first player in NCAA history to gain more than 1,000 yards receiving, passing, rushing, and returning kicks. Matt Stinchcomb, an All-America candidate, leads the way on the line.

Six defensive regulars are back, headed by linebackers Greg Bright and Brandon Tolbert. Up front, the Dawgs can count on Paul Snellings and Derrick Byrd, while the secondary welcomes the return of Champ Bailey and Ronald Bai-



Robert Edwards, Georgia

ALL-SEC TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	Peyton Manning	SR	Tennessee
RB	Kevin Faulk	JR	LSU
RB	Dennis Riddle	SR	Alabama
WR	Jacquez Green	JR	Florida
WR	Marcus Nash	SR	Tennessee
TE	Rufus French	SO	Ole Miss
OL	Alan Faneca	JR	LSU
OL	Jamar Nesbit	JR	South Carolina
OL	Matt Stinchcomb	JR	Georgia
OL	Victor Riley	SR	Auburn
OL	Boyd Kitchen	SR	Ole Miss
PK	Jeff Hall	JR	Tennessee

DEFENSE:

DL	Leonard Little	SR	Tennessee
DL	Chuck Wiley	SR	LSU
DL	Michael Myers	SR	Alabama
DL	Ed Chester	JR	Florida
LB	Takeo Spikes	JR	Auburn
LB	Jamie Duncan	SR	Vanderbilt
LB	Greg Bright	SR	Georgia
DB	Deshea Townsend	SR	Alabama
DB	Fred Weary	SR	Florida
DB	Mark Roman	SO	LSU
DB	Terry Fair	SR	Tennessee
P	Chad Kessler	SR	LSU

ley. The key is the development of new starters to replace Jermaine Smith and Jason Ferguson on the line. Junior college transfers Emarlos Leroy and Antonio Cochran will help fill the void.

Kickers Dax Langley and Hap Hines are back and two freshmen, linebacker Adrian Hollingshed and defensive back/receiver Jermaine Phillips, have a chance to contribute quickly.

SOUTH CAROLINA

After showing promise in 1994, finishing 7-5, the Gamecocks had disappointing marks in 1995 (4-6-1) and '96 (6-5). The team will need to become more consistent.

South Carolina welcomes back 16 returning starters, including eight from the unit that finished fourth in the league in total defense. Leading the way is a secondary that features returning regulars Ben Washington, Arturo Freeman, and Lee Wiggins. Washington and Wiggins are seniors and Freeman is a junior. Tackles Henry Taylor and Michael Maddox and end Selvesta Miller add experience up front. Linebacker Darren Hambrick returns on the outside and Shane Burnham on the interior.

Quarterback Anthony Wright started all 11 games last year, passing for 1,850 yards and eight touchdowns. Zola Davis had 303 yards in receptions. They will be joined by guard Jamar Nesbit and center Paul Beckwith. Duce Staley is gone, but the four leading rushers behind him—Troy Hambrick, Boo Williams, Scott Moritz, and Steve Mixon—are all back.

The Gamecocks close out the regular season at Tennessee and against Florida

Anthony Wright, South Carolina



Tim Couch, Kentucky

and Clemson at home. Auburn and Georgia are their other opponents.

VANDERBILT

Welcome to "Woody Ball." At least, that's what the Commodores are calling Vanderbilt football these days. It's named for new head coach Woody Widenhofer, the defensive coordinator last season, who has brought a positive approach to Nashville. The Commodores, 2-9 (0-8 in the SEC) last year under Rod Dowhower, will employ a multiple offense—the kind, Widenhofer admits, that gave him fits as a defensive coordinator—and a defense that has shown steady improvement.

Vandy is going to a simpler scheme, using fewer plays but providing more options, with an emphasis on short passes in an attempt to move the ball consistently. The spring was devoted to developing confidence for a team that finished 111th in the nation in offense. Nine starters are back on the unit. Quarterback Dami-

an Allen is getting pushed hard by red-shirt sophomore Jamail Carter. The line is in good shape, with Jim Anguiano, Michael Saltsman, Will Jacobs, and Raminte Byndom. The receiver corps is also experienced, with Todd Yoder and Zach Winkler back. Running backs Jason Dunnavant and O.J. Fleming return.

The defense (fifth in the SEC in '96) has been Vandy's not-so-secret weapon in recent seasons, keeping many games close enough to give the offense a chance to win. Last year, Vandy lost to Notre Dame by seven points, to Alabama by 10, and to Tennessee by seven. Linebackers Jamie Duncan and Antony Jordon, linemen Jason Hill and Jay Stallworth, and backs Corey Chavous and Fred Vinson return.

One key this fall will be finding a new punter. The schedule finds the Commodores at Florida and Tennessee and entertaining Alabama, LSU, and Georgia.

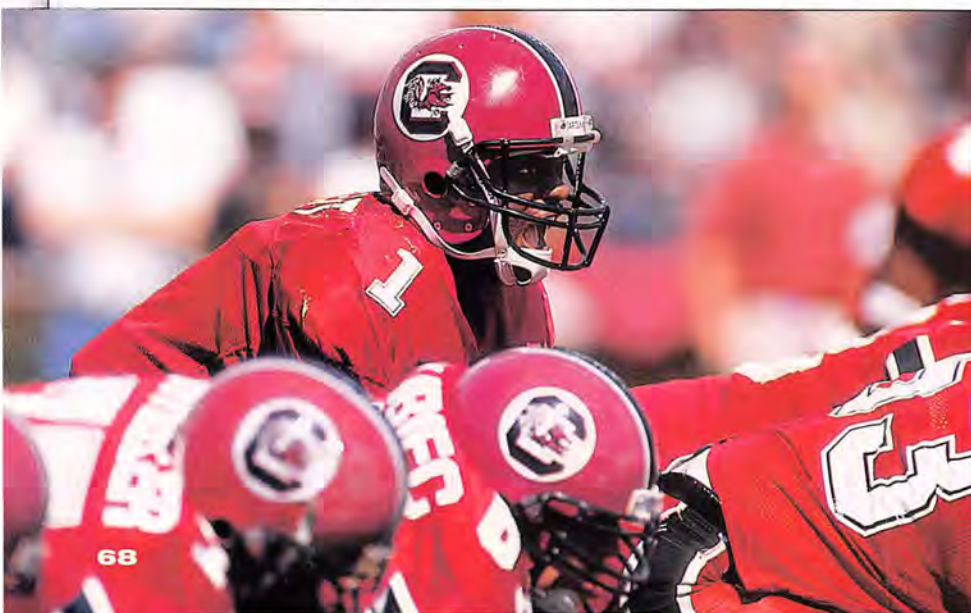
KENTUCKY

Hal Mumme was hired as coach to give the offense some sparkle and punch, quite a contrast from recent Kentucky teams, which were more conservative than Big Blue fans preferred. There is plenty of room for improvement. The Wildcats finished 10th in the SEC in total defense and rushing defense, and 11th in total offense and rushing offense.

Mumme has seven offensive regulars back—eight if one counts quarterback Tim Couch, the sophomore who had a couple of starts last fall in favor of Billy Jack Haskins. Couch is one of the main reasons Mumme got the job. The Wildcat faithful wanted a coach who would put in a passing offense to take advantage of Couch, who completed just 38 percent of his passes in seven games. He'll get a lot more opportunities this year. Also back for the Cats are guards Kris Comstock and John Schlarman, center Jason Watts, and tackles Jeremy Streck and Jonas Liening. Couch will look for receivers Chad Spencer and Craig Yeast, but Kentucky must find a tight end and runners to offset the passing attack. Kick returner Kio Sanford is also back.

Defensively, Kentucky must also show improvement. Junior tackle Mark Jacobs is one of just four returning starters. Rejoining him on the unit are cornerback Littleton Ward and ends Dele Ali and Lamont Smith.

The schedule includes Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, and LSU, quite a difference from the slate Mumme faced at Valdosta State last season.



SEC WEST

LSU

Two years ago, when Gerry DiNardo was announced as the new head coach, he was greeted with more skepticism than enthusiasm. These days, it would be easier to get rid of Mike the Tiger than DiNardo, who has led the Tigers back to the SEC forefront. Making DiNardo look good is a band of talented players who have provided speed and ability as Tiger Stadium is rocking once more. Tailback Kevin Faulk has stirred up Heisman talk, and the Tigers are entertaining thoughts of a championship.

With 19 starters returning, including Faulk, quarterback Herb Tyler, offensive lineman Alan Faneca, and defensive linemen Anthony McFarland and Chuck Wiley, plus another strong freshman class, LSU is a team to watch. Not only is the magic back in Baton Rouge, so is the speed. Faulk has it. Tyler has it. The majority of the team has it.

Look for improved play from the receivers and for more passing. Still, Faulk is the main weapon—both as rusher and as a pass receiver in the flats—and Tyler is the trigger. There is help behind Faulk in Cecil Collins, Rondell Mealey, and Kendall Cleveland. If Tyler can't go, LSU will be in trouble. The line, led by Faneca, is solid, but a replacement must be found for David LaFleur at tight end. Furnell Hankton is the top candidate.

On defense, the tackle position is strong with McFarland and Wiley, but LSU must find a way to get more pressure on the passer and improve its pass defense. Sophomore free safety Mark Roman will help. Linebackers Allen Stansberry and Pat Rogers, two of the top three tacklers, are gone, so end Charles Smith, Markeith Spears, and Joe Wesley must step up.

The schedule is tough. The Tigers host Auburn on September 20, Florida on October 11, and Notre Dame on November 15 and visit Alabama on November 8.

AUBURN

Fans are getting a bit anxious in Auburn. It was only four years ago that the Tigers went 11-0. In the past two seasons they have posted 8-4 records, including a 4-4 SEC mark last year. With 21 starters back, including 10 on defense, expectations are high. At the skill positions, Auburn returns quarterback Dameyune Craig, receivers Tyrone

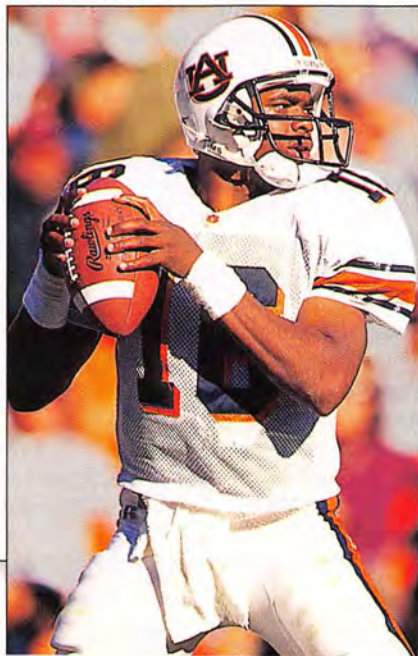


Kevin Faulk, LSU

Goodson and Karsten Bailey, and running backs Rusty Williams, Markeith Cooper, and Fred Beasley.

The center (Karl Lavine) and both guards (T.J. Dunigan and T.J. Meers) are new on the offensive line, which is led

Dameyune Craig, Auburn



by tackle Victor Riley. The big change for the Tigers will be the return of tight-end sets, with Tyrone Dillard solid as the starter there. While Craig has displayed all the athletic tools in the past, this is the season he must put together a consistent, all-around package. He has a strong arm and is a gifted runner, but he must also lead the Tigers.

Defensively, only outside linebacker Marcellus Mostella is missing from the lineup that features linebackers Takeo Spikes and Quinton Reese, deep back Martavious Houston, and end Leonardo Carson. The team's biggest concern is the secondary. The Tigers were seventh in the SEC in pass defense. Auburn had a strong recruiting class, and some of the newcomers may get a chance to play this season, especially in the secondary.

The schedule shows a home-field advantage against Florida, Alabama, and Ole Miss, but road games at Virginia, LSU, and Georgia will test the Tigers.

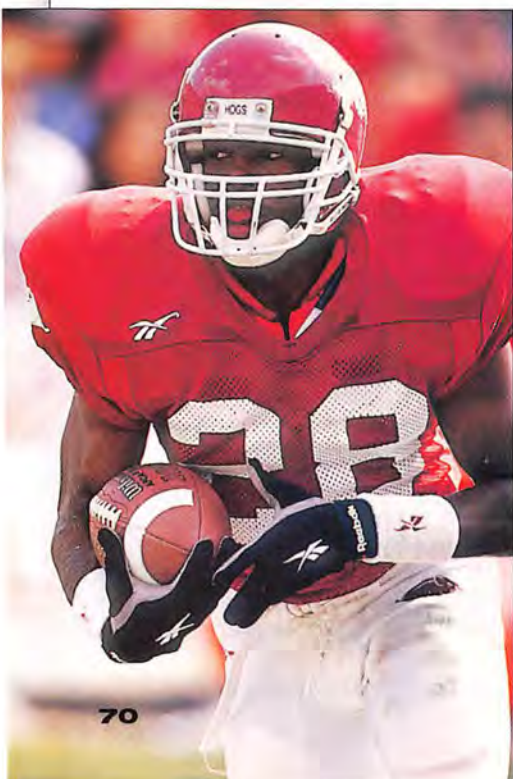
ALABAMA

The Crimson Tide has earned the West Division's berth in the SEC championship game, serving as Florida's opponent every year but one—and that season the Tide was ineligible because of NCAA sanctions. Alabama has a great chance to continue that tradition in Mike Dubose's first year as coach. For one thing, the Tide's defense is always strong; for another, there is some offensive punch this season, especially at running back.

Yet there are concerns Dubose, the former defensive coordinator, must tackle. The Tide's most pressing need is at linebacker, where all three starters from a talented group (Dwayne Rudd, Ralph Staten, and Tyrell Buckner) have departed. Steven Harris, Chris Edwards, and Steve Stanley are the likely replacements, with help from Paul Pickett and Fernando Davis. Deshea Townsend returns to anchor the secondary, which shows limited experience at safety, with former quarterback Warren Foust, Kelvin Sigler, and Andre Short leading the way. The line of Michael Myers, Chris Hood, and Eric Kerley is the strength of the unit.

Alabama has a new offensive coordinator in Bruce Arians, who will use a split-back attack that features Dennis Riddle (1,079 yards and 11 touchdowns), Curtis Alexander, and Shaun Alexander. There will be more quick out passes to the backs, and the tight end in the new

Dahrron Moss, Arkansas



Michael Myers, Alabama

set. Quarterback Freddie Kitchens, who had as many interceptions (14) as TD passes, needs to be more consistent. He is being pushed by Lance Tucker. John David Phillips, the No. 3 quarterback, will likely fill several roles on special teams. The receivers are led by Michael Vaughn and Chad Goss, with tight end also being strong with Clint Waggoner and Rod Rutledge. Lineman Will Friend missed spring drills with a knee injury but is expected back at full strength.

ARKANSAS

The Razorbacks' hopes for improvement are tied to the deepest depth chart the team has had in the Danny Ford era. There are 19 returning starters and strong backups in many positions. The Razorbacks will use a more balanced attack, with no plans for the option.

Arkansas will probably be without running back Madre Hill, who injured a knee in spring drills and underwent surgery. The same thing happened to Hill a year ago, and he was slow to recover. The difference now is that Chrys Chukwuma, Eric Branch, and Rod Stinson are available. Quarterback Pete Burks will face competition from Clint Stoerner, who had a strong spring. Burks was forced to carry the load last season when injuries depleted the skill positions. Heading into fall workouts, those areas are healthy and deep. The receiver corps is especially strong with Anthony Eubanks, Anthony Lucas, Emanuel Smith, and Michael Snowden. Tight end

also is solid and the offensive line has strength, although the top three tackles from last year are gone.

Defensively, the team speed is the best Arkansas has had since it joined the SEC. Kenoy Kennedy, Jeromy Flowers, Zac Painter, Dahrron Moss, and Marcus Campbell are all back in the secondary. There is depth up front, with Ryan Hale, Melvin Bradley, D.J. Cooper, and Geno Bell. The question mark is at linebacker, where Mark Smith and Anthony Hicks have departed and C.J. McLain and Justin Brown remain.

The other problem is the schedule: Arkansas plays all five SEC teams that went to bowl games last year (Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Auburn, and LSU) including three (LSU, Florida, and Alabama) on the road.

OLE MISS

The big news in Oxford is the end of NCAA probation, which means the Rebels can have their games televised again.

Tommy Tuberville has done a good job with the Ole Miss program, posting a 5-11 SEC mark and 11-11 overall record in the last two seasons. This year he has some talent, a good recruiting class, and the carrot of a bowl invitation to dangle in front of his team. The Rebels, however, went through spring drills with only 44 scholarship players. Among the incoming freshmen expected to get an immediate look are offensive lineman Terrence Metcalf and running back Dylus "Deuce" McCallister.

Seven regulars return on offense, led

by quarterback Stewart Patridge, who is being pushed by Robert Reed and Jason Vaughan. Freshman Romaro Miller is a *Parade* All-America. John Avery and Tony Cannon head the new two-back offense, with Eli Anding starting at fullback. Wide receivers Grant Heard, Cory Peterson, and Andre Rone are back, and Rufus French will try to replace tight end Kris Mangum. The line is led by Boyd Kitchen, Todd Wade, and Matt Luke. Steve Lindsey takes over the placekicking chores, with Randall Green the punter.

Three starters—Walker Jones, Broc Kreitz, and Nate Wayne—return at line-backer. Timothy Strickland, Gary Thigpen, and Ronnie Heard are experienced deep backs, with Malikia Griffin set to fill the other spot in the secondary. End Johnny Jones is good at putting pressure on the quarterback, but he's small. Andre Harrison and Morris Scott will alternate at the other end.

The schedule is tough early, with the Rebels playing Auburn, Tennessee, LSU, and Alabama in a five-game stretch. Three of those games are on the road.

MISSISSIPPI STATE

Disappointment is the most descriptive word for the Bulldogs' past two seasons. In 1995 they finished 1-7 in the SEC and 3-8 overall. Last year they finished with a 3-5 league mark and 5-6 overall record, including losses to Louisiana Tech, Kentucky, and Arkansas. This season, the schedule at least offers the opportunity for improvement, with

Tony Cannon, Ole Miss



Matt Wyatt, Mississippi State

the Bulldogs at home for six of their first seven games. A better test will come in three consecutive road games that find them at Auburn, Alabama, and Arkansas (the A list) before they close out the season against Ole Miss.

There is certainly room for improvement. Mississippi State finished eighth in the SEC in total offense and total defense, 10th in first downs and pass defense, and seventh in turnover ratio, with more giveaways than takeaways. Those finishes were partly the result of inconsistency.

New players will have to step forward on offense. Only six starters are back, with heavy losses on the line and with the departure of quarterback Derrick Taite. Matt Wyatt, who appeared in

10 games (seven touchdowns, 830 yards), will look to get the ball into the hands of wide receivers Lahitia Grant and Lamont Woodberry and tight end John Jennings. Tailback Robert Isaac and fullback Nakia Greer also return, along with placekicker Brian Hazelwood. Robert Hicks anchors the inexperienced line.

Mississippi State's strength is in its defense, which is bolstered by the return of eight regulars. End Gregory Favors led the Bulldogs in quarterback sacks and pressures, tied for the team lead in fumble recoveries, and was third in tackles. Eric Dotson rejoins him up front. The secondary has strength in numbers. Five players with starting experience—Eric Brown, Adesola Badon, Kendall Roberson, Izell McGill, and Tim Nelson—are back. Linebacker Earnest Garner also returns but Dwayne Curry does not.



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

With Marshall gone, the race for the league title is wide open.

BY STAN OLSON
CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

The Southern Conference has lost its flagship football program, Marshall, to Division I-A and replaced it with Wofford. The Thundering Herd, which has played in five of the last six I-AA championship games (and won the crown in 1992 and '96), has thundered off to the Mid-American Conference to play with the big boys.

Marshall's defection was a blow to the Southern Conference's overall strength, but many league members aren't that unhappy about it. For one thing, it means that the '97 race is wide open. And the SC has never been just Marshall. The league has placed three schools in the 16-team national playoffs each of the last two years, and in '96, all three reached the second round.

Wofford is not a bad replacement. A strong academic school with an average SAT score of 1200, its football program is progressing rapidly despite having made the move up from Division II just two years ago.

So who fights it out for the league crown in Marshall's absence? The leading contenders are Georgia Southern, which features what could be the best offense in the league, and rejuvenated Furman, which is probably the top defensive team. East Tennessee State and Appalachian State could sneak up on the favorites.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Kenny Robinson,
QB, Georgia Southern

DEFENSE:

Bryan Dailer,
DE, Furman

NEWCOMER:

Justin Hill,
QB, Furman

GAMES TO WATCH

Georgia Southern
at Wofford,
September 20

Georgia Southern at
East Tennessee St.,
November 1

Furman at
Georgia Southern,
November 8

PREDICTIONS

1. Furman
2. Georgia Southern
3. East Tennessee State
4. Appalachian State
5. Chattanooga
6. The Citadel
7. Western Carolina
8. Wofford
9. Virginia Military

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

Mike Cavan completed an outstanding rebuilding job, compiling a 7-1 conference record and a 10-3 overall mark that included the school's first playoff appearance. But we all know what happens to successful I-AA coaches: They quickly drop an "A." Cavan is now coaching at I-A Southern Methodist.

His replacement is Paul Hamilton, who favors a wishbone attack. With the graduation of quarterback Greg Ryan, the ground game may be the Bucs' best option. Sophomore tailback Brandon Walker took the league by storm, rushing for 1,303 yards and 13 TDs. He'll team in the backfield with fullback Brian Edwards, a former 1,000-yard rusher himself. B.J. Adigun needs 39 catches and 401 yards to become the school's all-time leader in both categories. Junior Sam Haynie is the best of four returning linemen.

The defense was the best in the league against the run. The anchors are linebackers Derek Fudge and Mario Hankerson, who needs 108 tackles to become the Bucs' career leader. Junior Curtis Eason

Kenny Robinson, Georgia Southern



FURMAN

Coach Bobby Johnson completed a whirlwind rebuilding program in just three years, pushing the Paladins to a 9-4 record, an appearance in the I-AA quarterfinals, and a No. 9 national ranking. For an encore, Johnson just might win the school's 10th league title since 1978.

Senior Chris Jonas or redshirt freshman Justin Hill will try to replace all-SC quarterback Braniff Bonaventure. Hill's running ability could be the key to the Paladins' balance. Senior Jody Wade (24 catches) returns. And the ground game retains its top four rushers, led by junior Ernest Crosby (850 yards).

A stingy defense should keep the Paladins in the hunt. Eight regulars return, including senior end Bryan Dailer (14 sacks), who might be the league's best defender, and senior linebackers Orlando Ruff, Bernard Scott, and Jay Thier. Seniors Reggie Williams and Phil Warren return up front, with Jeremy Osborne leading an experienced secondary.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

The Eagles believe Paul Johnson is the man to restore the tradition of success built by former coach Erk Russell. The offensive coordinator at Navy the past two years, Johnson was a Russell assistant (1983-86).



Brandon Walker, East Tennessee State

is a load at tackle. The secondary is led by sophomore safety Adam Walton.

APPALACHIAN STATE

Last season, many thought the Mountaineers would climb to the top of the I-AA mountain. Instead they fell down, finishing 7-4 overall, fourth in the league (5-3), and out of the playoffs. Coach Jerry Moore suffered significant losses, including two-time I-AA Defensive Player of the Year Dexter Coakley. Only seven starters return. Senior offensive guard Shawn Clark and senior defensive tackle Jackie Avery are returning all-SC picks.

The multiple-I offense, ground-oriented behind departed running back Damon Scott (1,466 yards) last season, will strive for more balance. Which means that senior quarterback Bake Baker, who replaced Gerard Hardy midway through last season, will get more air time. His main targets are former quarterback Luke Manual and tight end Frank Leatherwood. Hardy has been shifted to tailback. He could gain 1,000 yards—if the four starters lost from the offensive line can be replaced.

Depth and experience are problems on defense, but Avery is back to anchor the line. Elando Johnson is the key man in the secondary.

CHATTANOOGA

Buddy Green is now the acting athletic director as well as head coach. You have to wonder if the extra work will hamper rebuilding. Last year's 3-8 effort followed marks of 3-8 and 4-7.

The Mocs were last in the league in total offense (306.1 yards), rushing (120.0), and scoring (15.9). Junior Brian Hampton completed over 52 percent of his passes, but only five for TDs. A ground game would help. The responsibility for that will fall primarily on junior Tyrone Coleman (511 yards), who will go as far as a new line allows.

The Mocs let league rivals run all over them, surrendering 234 ground-yards per game and a dismal 414 overall. The best defender is senior safety Ron Faugue, who led the league with six interceptions. Quasey Vinson is also solid in the secondary, while Keith Blanks is being counted on to stabilize the porous line. David Damon and Ed Jones solidify linebacking, but the unit as a whole still must prove itself.

THE CITADEL

Coach Don Powers, who improved the team from 2-9 to 4-7, has considerable work to do. Although 16 starters return, the Bulldogs must replace four all-conference picks.

The Bulldogs rushed for almost three times as many yards as they gained through the air. But quarterback Stanley Myers, a three-year starter who contributed 1,073 total yards in '96, and his top receivers are back. Senior Kenyatta Spruill rushed for 924 yards. Justin Skinner kicked a school-record 14 field goals.

The defense surrendered an un-Citadel-like 30.5 points a game, worst in the SC. Only five starters return. The best is senior linebacker Lorenzo Jackson. The strongest is senior tackle Adrian Luster, who has bench-pressed 610 pounds. Junior end Lance Gray is improving. The SC's worst passing defense had just two interceptions. Two secondary starters, Kevin Smith and Deedrick Reese, return.

WESTERN CAROLINA

Steve Hodgin is out after seven years and a 31-45 record, and Bill Bleil, the team's offensive coordinator, is in. Last year's Catamounts were young and inexperienced, struggling to a 4-7 record and a last-place 1-7 league mark.

Bleil's offense finished strong, averaging 424 yards over its last three games. Senior Josh Brooks is the league's top returning passer (1,718 yards), but he may be pushed by Shawn Snyder, a transfer from Tennessee. Speedy sophomore Tracy Biggs (639 yards) leads a corps of runners, but the guy to watch is sophomore Darius Hooks, who turned in rushing efforts of 126 and 203 yards before being slowed by an injury. The fullback is appropriately named: David Runner. Flanker Jerome Lardy (38 catches) is back. The line is young, and looks to senior center Alex Sprinkle, who has allowed just three sacks in over 1,000 plays.

The defense had just 12 sacks and

opponents converted on 41 percent of their third-down plays. The best player on the unit is sophomore free safety Eric Johnson, who had 80 tackles and four interceptions in eight games. Junior strong safety Cranston Johnson is solid.

WOFFORD

Coach Mike Ayers knows his new league. Once upon a time, he was head man at ETSU. He got a further taste of it last season, when his Terriers lost to Western Carolina and Furman early but wrapped up the season by whipping The Citadel.

The offense ground out 3,170 yards rushing, and seven returning backs topped 150 yards, including quarterback Brad Smothers and fullback Miles Lane. All those power sweeps came with a price, however. The air attack produced only four scores. The line is a good one, anchored by 325-pound center Dan Williams, perhaps the best in school history. Guard Eric Cole is almost as good.

The defense was unspectacular but capable, and nine starters remain. Junior linebacker Trevor Ellison had six sacks. Senior tackles Torez Ammons and Mark Combs are also effective, as is junior linebacker Travis Rogers. Senior free safety Eric Daniell could be an all-star.

The Terriers were surprisingly good surprisingly quickly after their move to Division I-AA, but now they're in I-AAs' toughest league.

VIRGINIA MILITARY

The Keydets haven't won more than three conference games in a season since 1979. Bill Stewart resigned after three seasons and an 8-25 mark, including 3-8 (2-6 in the SC) last year.

Ted Cain hopes to be able to bolster the passing attack after the departure of Thomas Haskins (1,698 yards rushing), the SC's Offensive Player of the Year. Jabarr Bean managed 42 yards on 15 carries last fall, but 250-pound fullback Jason White (529 yards) remains. Senior quarterback Al Lester, who has started every game since his freshman year, completed over 52 percent of his passes and scrambled when the need arose.

VMI allowed almost 27 points and a league-high 425.7 yards a game. Nine regulars are back, including junior linebacker Mike Rogers, who needs 101 tackles to become the school's all-time leader, senior end Kelly Cook, and junior cornerback Darrius Jackson.

SOUTHLAND

Parity reigns in the toughest top-to-bottom league in Division I-AA.

BY BILL SMITH

One game separated sixth place Southwest Texas from third place Stephen F. Austin as five of the seven teams had at least a .500 record in the Southland Football League's first season. With champion Troy State losing key players, Southwest Texas making a coaching change, and everyone else returning key players, expect more of the same parity in 1997.

How close are the SFL teams? If Southwest Texas had held league runner-up Nicholls State in any of the first four overtime exchanges, the Bobcats would have created a five-way tie for second at 3-3. McNeese State was in the cellar with two one-point losses and all five defeats by a combined 14 points.

How deep is the talent? Seven of the eight teams return 15 or more starters. Around the league, the only consensus is that newcomer Jacksonville State owns the basement. But last season, most people left Nicholls State for dead after its 0-11 showing in 1995. Instead, the Colonels executed the most dramatic turnaround in the history of I-AA with an 8-4 season and reached the postseason.

The toughest top-to-bottom conference in I-AA unfortunately gets only two teams in the playoffs. Why? Because the Southland beats itself up, and it's hard to give one of the 16 slots to a third-place team with a 6-5 overall mark.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Claude Mathis,
RB, Southwest Texas

DEFENSE:

Jeremiah Trotter,
LB, Stephen F. Austin

NEWCOMER:

Jason Miller,
DE, Northwestern State

GAMES TO WATCH

**Northwestern State at
McNeese State,**
October 11

**Northwestern State at
Troy State,**
November 1

**Sam Houston
at Southwest Texas,**
November 22

NORTHWESTERN STATE

Sam Goodwin has 14 seasons as the head Demon, but he's only five games over .500 (79-74-3). Last year was typical: a 6-5 record, including 3-3 in league play. Nothing special, but very consistent.

That's about to change. The Demons return the Southland's Offensive Player of the Year in senior wide receiver Pat Palmer, along with quarterback Warren Patterson and fullback Rob Robertson. Tailback Anthony Williams is the only serious loss, but Brian Jacquett (542 yards) returns.

Northwestern learned from a last-minute loss to Northeast Louisiana and turned the tables on Stephen F. Austin with a late goal-line stand. Of the 41 letterman returning, most are on I-AA's No. 12 scoring defense, including end Robert Daniel, tackle Clint Loggins, linebackers Tony Joe Maranto and Derrick Fields, safety Michael Alford, and cornerback Jermaine Jones. The addition of juco transfer Jason Miller—a player Goodwin says is the best on his team—ices the cake.

Northwestern's SFL season turned on losses to Troy State (in which Patterson and junior backup Brandon Emanuel were knocked out of the game) and Nicholls State (a last-minute rally). Expect those learning experiences to fuel the Demon drive to put Good-

win back in the playoffs for the first time since 1988. One major problem NSU can't control is its schedule. A title run for the Demons requires road victories over top contenders Troy State and McNeese State.

TROY STATE

The Trojans made the most of their first year in the Southland: league champion, tied the most victories in school history (12-2), and fourth straight year in the playoffs. The season, however, ended ominously with a 70-7 loss to Montana in the I-AA playoffs, marking the last game at Troy State for defensive end Pratt Lyons, quarterback Stan Davis, and tailback Arrid Gregory. Lyons was the league's Defensive Player of the Year, and Davis took almost all the snaps for TSU.

Finding a quarterback is the top challenge in coach Larry Blakeney's quest to continue one of the greatest small-college success stories. Troy is 42-8-1 in I-AA since moving up from Division II, where the Trojans won two national championships. Fortunately, Blakeney has offensive weapons in senior fullback Joe Jackson (959 yards) and wide receiver Jeff Hammond. Replacing Gregory is important, but returning three of the league's top line-

men—juniors Jim Byerly and Leonard Shaughnessy and senior Matt Davis—is vital to maintaining the nation's No. 7 rushing offense. Troy's defense is solid up front with junior linemen Stacy Murry and Rod Walker and senior end Reggie Lowe, but the loss of Demetric Shipman and Shane Block hurt the league's best secondary.

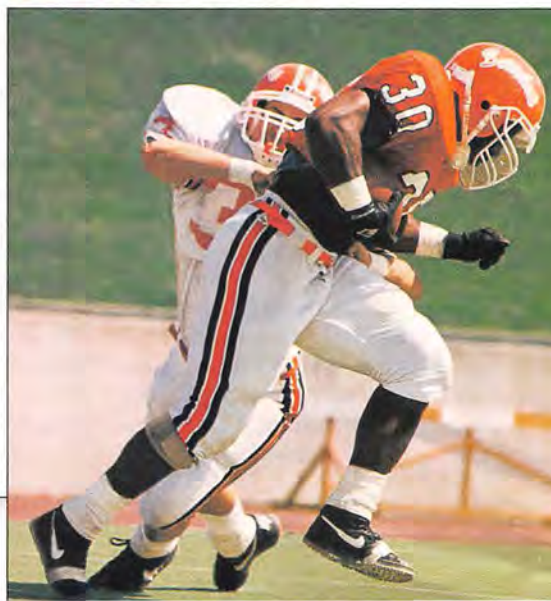
PREDICTIONS

1. Northwestern State
2. Troy State
3. McNeese State
4. Sam Houston
5. Nicholls State
6. Southwest Texas
7. Stephen F. Austin
8. Jacksonville State

McNEESE STATE

Coach Bobby Keasler's season at McNeese was as stunning as Nicholls State's. It was a rebuilding year, but no one expected a humbling 3-8 record. The Cowboys were even or ahead of opponents in all the major stats (points, downs, yards, passing). The best explanation is also the bright hope for McNeese in 1997: The team was young. The Cowboys lost their

Bennie Wylie, Sam Houston State



five league games by a combined 14 points and let games get away in the fourth quarter.

Keasler returns 16 starters. His pride is his defense, led by junior linebacker Charles Ayro and senior back Clyde Williams. The loss of All-America free safety Zack Bronson hurts. McNeese needed a quarterback, and it found one in all-SFL junior Tim Leger, who completed 143 of 288 passes for 2,361 yards and 15 touchdowns. His receiving corps is almost intact. Junior William Davis and senior Donnie Ashley return at wide receiver, with senior Chris Fontenot at tight end. The stats prove Leger's ability to spread the ball around to his receivers and to a fairly balanced running attack led by returning tailback Derrick Beavers.

SAM HOUSTON STATE

Coach Ron Randleman has been here before. The Bearkats return 16 starters. The last time Randleman had that much experience, he led SHSU to the Southland championship in 1991 and to third place in '92.

If the game is won in the trenches, Sam Houston can begin sizing rings. Anchored by the Southland's Freshman of the Year, center Victor McKnight, the offensive line and backups return. Randleman has two quarterbacks with starting experience in senior Chad Schramek and sophomore Albert Bradley and all-SFL tight end Kevin Pesak (50 catches). The only offensive starter missing is running back Wayne Coleman, but Bennie Wylie and Elmore Armstrong return.

End Kenneth Black and tackle Craig Carpenter lead six returning defensive starters. Finding replacements for linebackers Dedrick Manigo, the school's No. 3 all-time tackler, and Henry Cofer, is Randleman's top priority. The Bearkats also return all-league punter Ryan Klaus.

NICHOLLS STATE

In the history of college football, there might not be another season like the one the Colonels enjoyed in 1996. They went from a winless record in '95 to a postseason event, and Darren Barbier earned his SFL Coach of the Year award. From a last second, two-point loss to I-A Northeast Louisiana in the season opener, to a five-overtime thriller at SW Texas, to the one-point victory at McNeese in the regular-season finale, Nicholls State's season was a three-month-long cliffhanger. Most of the key



Claude Mathis, Southwest Texas

players return, including senior running back Nakia Lumar (1,072 yards) and junior quarterback Brad Zeller (1,340 passing yards) on offense; senior linebacker Quincy Sorrell and junior back Ricky Wilson on defense.

Still, things will change for the Colonels. No one will take them lightly in 1997. But Nicholls has plenty to meet the challenge. While Lumar, a first-team all-Louisiana pick with LSU's Kevin Faulk, and Sorrell are seniors, most of Barbier's team consists of underclassmen. Notable among the young players are junior defensive end Murphy Edwards, whose blocked point-after-attempt sent the SWT game into overtime, and sophomore defensive back Kevin Johnson.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS

In a move to wake up the echoes of the Bobcats' glory days, Southwest Texas hired Bob DeBesse as coach. A SWT grad, he was at San Marcos when the Bobcats were the terror of Division II with back-to-back national championships under Jim Wacker. DeBesse spent over a decade with Wacker at TCU and Minnesota, including five years as the Golden Gophers' offensive coordinator. He inherits a team that returns 10 offensive starters, including the SFL Player of the Year, senior running back Claude Mathis (1,668 yards and 16 TDs), and an intact line led by all-SFL tackle Adam Means and center Steve delaTorre. The hometown hero, senior David Williams (1,383 passing yards) of San Marcos, returns at quarterback, as does his primary target, Cyril Adkins (24 catches).

The defense lost twice as many starters as the offense. Five juniors figure as the core of the retooled unit: backs Clifton Black and Robert Walker, linemen Tim Kaderli and Michael McClure, and linebacker Pop Wells. The main

thing the Bobcats need is consistency. In a 5-6 season, SWT knocked off I-A Idaho and I-AA top 10 teams Hofstra and Stephen F. Austin, but was routed by Eastern Washington and Southern Utah.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

The Lumberjacks faded to a 3-3 league finish in a 7-4 season. Seven starters were knocked out or slowed by injury, most notably linebacker Jeremiah Trotter, whose ACL tear ripped the heart out of the defense. The junior, who could be the best at his position in I-AA, completed a textbook rehab. He is pivotal to a defense that returns four senior starters and most of the front line. Senior Curtis James and junior Jake Locklear anchor the ends, with seniors Eugene Garner and David Carmona in the middle.

Overall, SFA is solid in both lines, but has problems at the skill positions. Quarterback Mike Quinn, receivers Chris Jefferson and Michael Pearce, and fullback Kerry Bennett are gone. Coach John Pearce will rebuild around his leading rusher, junior Pat House (1,039 yards), and sophomore backup KaRon Coleman. Sophomore quarterback Peyton Jones started one game, the 13-10 victory over Troy State in the opener. Redshirt freshman Travis Falton threw for over 2,000 yards at Corpus Christi (TX) Calallen and could be a factor. With House averaging over half of the rushing yards, the Lumberjacks must rebuild the passing game to maintain their enviable run of 55 weeks in the I-AA polls.

JACKSONVILLE STATE

Following a promising first year in Division I-AA in 1995, the Gamecocks collapsed. It's a whole new world for Jacksonville State: a new coach in Mike Williams, and a new league. Williams takes over a team that returns 18 starters, but went only 1-9 and lost all three games against SFL teams. Quarterback Montressa Kirby (1,131 passing yards), running back Amel Jackson (533 yards), and wideout Patrick Plott (39 catches) head an offense that lost only one starter, tackle Derick Owens.

The top hitter on defense, senior strong safety Eric Mims, returns, as does outside linebacker Teon Knox. Williams is changing everything, so experience isn't a big plus for JSU. Bringing the intensity up to the SFL level is the No. 1 challenge, one that Jacksonville won't meet in its first year.

SOUTH INDEPENDENTS

Put Louisiana Tech and Central Florida at the head of the class.

BY RANDY MELL
SUN-SENTINEL OF SOUTH FLORIDA

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Daunte Culpepper,
QB, Central Florida

DEFENSE:

Dainon Sidney,
DB, UAB

NEWCOMER:

Marcus Brown,
DB, Southwestern

GAME TO WATCH

**Central Florida at
Ole Miss, August 30**

**UAB at Southwestern
Louisiana,
September 27**

**California at
Louisiana Tech,
October 4**

**Louisiana Tech
at Southwestern
Louisiana,
November 15**

LOUISIANA TECH

Cary Crowton returns 15 starters from a 6-5 team, but he has to deal with the loss of the school's all-time passing leader, Jason Martin, and four receivers who accounted for 150 catches, including Chad Mackey, whose 133 receiving yards per game was second-best nationally.

Sophomore Tim Rattay, who didn't throw a pass last fall, is the new quarterback. He will have some great support, though, in huge (6-7, 275) senior tight end Josh Bradley, who has 85 receptions over the last two seasons. Junior Troy Edwards had 10 touchdown catches a year ago. A big-time tackle, and we mean big, is senior Chris Crudup, who is among four returning starters on the line. He's 6-11 and 375 pounds, the biggest player in college football.

Defensively, the linebacking unit is strong with seniors Gomeya Cooper and Myron Smith and junior Adrian Fredericks returning as starters. Also back is senior All-America candidate Marty Kent, who hit 13 of 14 field goals last season.

PREDICTIONS

1. Louisiana Tech
2. Central Florida
3. Southwestern Louisiana
4. UAB
5. Arkansas State
6. Samford
7. Northeast Louisiana
8. Western Kentucky

CENTRAL FLORIDA

Daunte Culpepper should be among the most exciting quarterbacks in the country this season, but Central Florida fans will have to hit the road if they want to see much of him. Culpepper, a junior who completed 60 percent of his passes for more than 2,500 yards and 19 touchdowns a year ago, leads the Golden Knights, who play seven road games this fall and just four at home. They play at Mississippi, at South Carolina, and at Nebraska before opening at home against Idaho.

The Golden Knights moved to Division I-A last fall and saw their string of 10 consecutive winning seasons end. They were 5-6, but Gene McDowell, beginning his 13th year as coach, has 16 returning starters. Senior Todd Cleveland and junior Mark Nonsant combined for 119 catches in '96. Cleveland is also a dangerous return threat, with four touchdowns in two seasons.

The defense lost MVP John Bryant at linebacker, but end Jermaine Benoit, who had eight sacks, and strong safety Donnell Washington, who had an 80-yard interception return and 46-yard fumble return for TDs, are back.

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

Coach Nelson Stokley is seven victories away from becoming Southwestern Louisiana's winningest coach. The Ragin' Cajuns have won 59 times in his 11-year career, and they fell one game short in 1996 of notching a fourth straight winning season. Still, they made up for that by knocking off Texas A&M 29-22 in one of the school's biggest upsets. It came at home, where Stokley's teams have won 16 of their last 19.

Stokley's son, junior receiver Brandon Stokley, caught 81 passes for 1,160 yards and seven touchdowns last fall. Add that to his 75 catches as a freshman, and he needs just 17 more to become the school's career leader. The Ragin' Cajuns must replace their all-time leaders in passing (Jack Delhomme) and rushing (Kenyon Cotton). Tailback Darren Brister was injured in the spring. On the bright side, seven starters return on offense, including the entire line, led by 348-

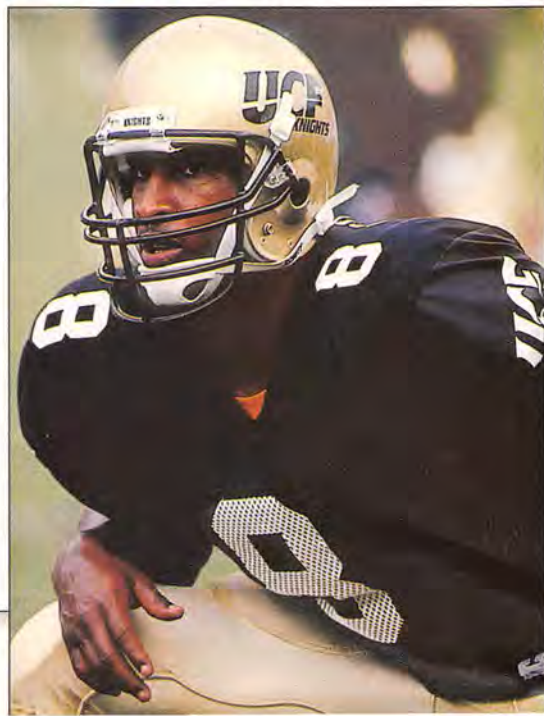
pound senior tackle Anthony Clement and 350-pound senior guard Keith Ware. The defense isn't so fortunate. Junior linebacker Chucky Woodall is the only returning regular among the front seven.

UAB

The Blazers begin their second season in Division I-A with three straight road games and no experience at quarterback. Still, UAB coach Watson Brown hopes to improve upon last year's 5-6 mark with 16 starters returning.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Lee Jolly moved into the top spot after fifth-year senior Kevin Drake shifted to wide receiver. Senior Carl Sanders returns. Last season, Sanders became the first player in UAB history to run for more than 1,000 yards. He averaged 6.9 yards per carry. Senior center Johnny Rea, a four-year starter, leads the offensive line.

Daunte Culpepper, Central Florida





Darren Brister, Southwestern Louisiana

The Blazers will play seven road games this fall, and all those returning starters should help. Everybody's back on the defensive front, including junior end Sterrick Morgan, who had six sacks. Sure-tackling senior free safety Alan Willis rejoins senior cornerback Dainon Sidney (5 interceptions) in the secondary.

ARKANSAS STATE

Coach Joe Hollis left his position as offensive coordinator at Ohio State to accept an enormous challenge as coach at Arkansas State. The Indians are 15-39-1 since moving to Division I-A in 1992, and they have just six victories against other I-A teams. Hollis was credited with recruiting Eddie George and

Orlando Pace to Ohio State. The Indians would love it if he can upgrade this team's talent and improve upon last year's 4-7 mark.

Junior Jeremie Watkins threw 15 touchdowns and nine interceptions after taking over at quarterback in the second half of the season, but he will have to hold off senior Brent Pettus, the starter early in '96. Sophomore Lamont Zachary is the leading returning rusher, with 846 yards and a 7.4 yards-per-carry average. Junior receiver Lennie Johnson led the team with 47 catches. Defensively, senior Lavell Alexander and junior Koetter Little are back at linebacker after finishing 1-2 in tackles.

SAMFORD

Coach Pete Hurt will be looking to post his third straight winning season after going 6-5 a year ago. Samford returns 14 starters, but there are just eight seniors on the roster.

The biggest task will be to rebuild the offense after the loss of quarterback Bart Yancey, who set virtually all the school passing records for the Bulldogs. The job now belongs to fifth-year senior Jake Rackley. Back to help carry the offensive burden is junior tailback James Griffith, who rushed for 870 yards as a freshman and 426 last fall before an injury cut his season short. Sophomore tailback Jerome Russell ran for 625 yards in the absence of Griffith. Sophomore Michael Watson returns at wide receiver. Senior end Joe Acklin is the top defender back.

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

One key to Northeast Louisiana's success this season is replacing quarterback Raymond Philyaw, who's gone after throwing for more than 7,000 yards in his career. Junior Bo Meeks looks like the man to fill his shoes, though fourth-year coach Ed Zaunbrecher may put more emphasis on the running game. Senior Marquis Williams rushed for a team-leading 613 yards last fall. Hopes are high for improving upon the 5-6 record with nine starters back on offense and six on defense.

End Steve Foley, free safety Travis Singleton, and tackle Felix Richardson are the top defenders. The Indians will be challenged with a tough schedule that includes road dates with Arkansas, Georgia, Oklahoma State, Mississippi State, Kentucky, and Hawaii.

WESTERN KENTUCKY

The Hilltoppers rebounded from a 2-8 mark in 1995 to go 7-4 in I-AA on the strength of a strong running game. But Antwan Floyd, who broke the school mark with 3,775 career rushing yards, is gone. The cupboard is not bare, though, with three quality skill players returning. Senior quarterback Willie Taggart ran for 997 yards and threw for 542 last fall. Senior fullback Latravis Powell returns as well. He will carry more of the load after running for 379 yards a year ago. Senior receiver Joey Stockton is a big-play threat who averaged nearly 20 yards per catch last season.

Jackson State is on track for a third straight conference title.

BY CHUCK PICKARD

Jackson State goes gunning for a third straight SWAC crown, and coach James Carson's troops could be right on target, providing the Tigers survive their big shootout with title-conscious Southern on October 18th in Jackson, Miss. Fast-finishing Mississippi Valley is picked for third place in what shapes up as a tightly contested race. Texas Southern shocked everyone in 1996 by tying Southern and Mississippi Valley for second place, but the Tigers are relegated to the No. 4 spot this season. An improved Alcorn State, which could pull a few surprises along the way, is projected to come in fifth, followed by Grambling, Alabama State, and struggling Prairie View, which is bent on snapping a 68-game losing streak dating back to the 1989 season.

Although Grambling is not viewed as a title contender, the G-Men will pull out every trick in the bag while trying to avoid a third straight losing season under college football's all-time winningest coach, Eddie Robinson. The 78-year old mentor brings a remarkable 405-147-15 record into his 56th and final campaign.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Grailyn Pratt,
QB, Jackson State

DEFENSE:

Terry Houzah,
LB, Mississippi Valley

NEWCOMER:

Matt Bushart,
P, Southern

GAME TO WATCH

Southern at Jackson
State, October 18

PREDICTIONS

1. Jackson State
2. ~~Southern~~
3. Mississippi Valley
4. Texas Southern
5. Alcorn State
6. Grambling
7. Alabama State
8. Prairie View

SOUTHERN

After a sputtering 0-2 start in 1996, the Jaguars got back on track by winning five of their final six regular-season games before dropping a 27-24 cliffhanger to Howard University in the Heritage Bowl. The Jags pulled off their biggest victory by beating SWAC champion Jackson State 27-16. Coach Pete Richardson would like to see his offensive

unit step it up a notch. The Jags ranked sixth in total offense with a mere 250.6 yards per game and fourth in total defense with an average yield of 297 yards.

Sophomore quarterback Marcus Jacoby, junior running back Steve Wofford, and senior strong safety Ricky Arvie head a cast of 41 returning lettermen from the team that finished in a three-way tie for second in the SWAC. Jacoby threw for 1,303 yards and nine TDs, Wofford rushed for 639 yards, and Arvie was credited with a team-best 86 tackles. Tight end Lawrence Hart and wideouts Terrence Blackwell and Jermaine Brown are the leading receivers. Juniors Chris Williams and Otis Cooper, along with soph Calvin Bishop, bolster the offensive line.

Seniors Jonathan McDonald and Desmond Payne and junior Joffrey Holloway are experienced linebackers. Matt Bushart captured Freshman of the Year honors after posting a league-high 42.1-yard average on 70 punts.

JACKSON STATE

Despite the loss of nine starters, including Defensive Player of the Year Sean Woodson, the Tigers are not lacking for talent as they take aim on a third straight conference crown. Senior quarterback Grailyn Pratt, who captured the league's offensive accolade by throwing for 2,600 yards and 22 touchdowns, heads a cast of 13 returning regulars.

Senior running back Carlos Knight lends balance to an explosive offensive unit that rolled up a league-leading 442 yards per game. He led the SWAC in rushing with 899 yards. Senior speedster Daryle Heidelberg (29 catches for 406 yards) leads the receiving



Grailyn Pratt,
Jackson State

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Larry Dorsey saw his Cinderella team make a sharp about-face in 1996 as the Delta Devils closed on a strong note by winning their final six games to claim a share of second place in the conference. The fast finish, coming on the heels of a 2-9 record the previous year, earned Dorsey SWAC Coach of the Year honors.

If the Devils continue to climb the league ladder, a pair of unproven quarterbacks, sophomore Melvin Williams and freshman Raphael Fuller, must step forward and fill the shoes of Keith Poindexter. Sophomore Kwanza Golden (29 catches for 631 yards) and junior all-SWAC tight end Randy Powell (29 for 471) head the receiving corps. Juniors Ray Lockett and Cedric Redmon shoulder the running load. Sophomore all-league center Terrance Ware and senior Timothy McKinley anchor the line.

All-conference lineman Anthony Bonner leads the defensive charge with senior Eddie Perkins and sophomore Terrance Saxton up front. Linebackers Terry Houzah and Samuel Dickerson are two-time all-SWAC performers. Juniors Jasmine Tramiel and Derrick Roach are the top returnees in the secondary. Nathan Hooper and Quanton Brown share the punting chores and Clifford DeBose handles the placekicking.

TEXAS SOUTHERN

The Tigers were the surprise team in the SWAC last season, posting the school's first winning record in two decades. But coach William Thomas faces a tough assignment to keep his team headed in the right direction. The departure of quarterback Cedric Douglas, the league's top two receivers, Kiley Brown and David Thomas, and All-America defensive end Nicholas Lopez left some gaping holes to fill.

Thomas will build his team from a roster that numbers 13 returning regulars. Junior James Wilhite, who was 3-0 as a starter in 1996, replaces Douglas. Sophomores Michael Davis and Markus Howell are the new passing targets. Veteran tackles David Mason and Jaimie Ortega and center Harvey Hooper will help clear the way up front.

Junior linebacker Warren Reed led the team in tackles last fall. Sophomore Forrest Hardy is a force on the line and sophomore Derrick Jenkins (three interceptions) assures protection in the secondary.

Opponents will not be able to take

TSU lightly. The Tigers have seven games scheduled on their home turf in Houston, where they won three of four games in '96.

ALCORN STATE

An improved offensive line, plus added experience at other key positions, spell optimism for coach Cardell Jones, who enters his sixth season at Alcorn State.

Second-team all-SWAC guard James Robinson is the leader on the offensive line that also features returning starters in tackle Katon Varnado and center Calvin Hall. The mammoth trio (each weighs more than 300 pounds) will provide protection for Marcus Taylor (1,696 passing yards). Mose Lemon and freshman Yancy Wright will push Taylor for playing time. Estus Sands and Charles Jackson combined for 649 yards rushing. Soph speedster Donald Drive, junior Derrick Ponton, and Rice transfer Thad Bridges will be the primary targets.

Second-team all-SWAC end Terry Wilkerson, linebackers Eric Mitchell, Derrick Williams, and Anthony Knight, and cornerbacks Ellaunte Bell and Damon Fielder return on defense. All-league tackles Carlos Thornton and Sean Benton will be missed up front.

GRAMBLING

Eddie Robinson is closing the books on an illustrious career that has seen the legendary mentor pile up 405 victories as the Tigers' coach. He will try to avoid a third straight losing season.

Thirteen regulars return from the team that slumped badly coming down the stretch by losing four of its final five games, starting with a 52-0 blowout loss to SWAC champion Jackson. The Tigers need to improve their passing game after averaging a mere 99 yards through the air in '96. Mike Kornblau and Chiron Applewhite will compete at quarterback. Kornblau was called on to replace Applewhite, who suffered a broken arm in the opener against Alcorn. Kornblau completed only 39 percent of his passes and had more interceptions (11) than touchdowns (8). Silas Payne and Corey Ceaser bolster the receiving corps. Center Cory Benbry, guards Kori Smith and Jerry Myers, and tackle Torian Young are veterans up front.

The defensive line has experience in ends Kimoya Marshall and DeCarlos Holmes and tackle Boris Walker. Rejoining them on the unit are linebackers Jade-trick James and Claudell Sanford, and

free safety Teroge Flanigan, who led the team with 100 tackles. Sophomore Stephen Cain handles all the kicking.

ALABAMA STATE

The Hornets took a sharp plunge by stumbling to a 3-8 finish in '96 after going 8-3 the previous year. Head coach Houston Markham, in his 11th season, will attempt to right the ship with an able-bodied crew that includes 28 returning lettermen.

Sophomore Antonio Jackson, who started four games in 1996, has the inside track at quarterback. Senior Cory Mack averaged almost eight yards on 45 carries last season, so he will see more action this fall. Senior flanker Alphas Shipman had 31 catches. Other targets are sophomore Damon Hodge and junior tight end Johnny Huggins. Junior guards Kendon Pen-son and Brent Williams return on the offensive line with sophomore guard Kendrick Jernigan and junior center Leon Lambry.

Senior Tywanois Lockett, who had a team-high 95 tackles, heads the linebacking corps, with Shawn Moore, medical redshirt Corey Redden, Antonio Porterfield, Lawvigued Harrell, and Marcel Walker. Ends Gary McCullum and Sean Joseph and tackle Detrick Williams return, as do cornerbacks Anthony Hall and Byron Plummer and senior safety Devin Flowers.

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M

New head coach Gregory Johnson faces a huge hurdle coming out of the blocks. But the 36-year-old Oklahoma native, who led Langston University to the NAIA playoffs in 1993 and '94, is taking an optimistic approach as he attempts to snap the nation's longest collegiate losing streak (68). The Panthers launch the 1997 season against arch rival Texas Southern in the Astrodome on August 30.

Sophomore quarterback Josh Barnes, who threw for seven touchdowns and ran for four, triggers an offense that includes three other key returnees: wide receiver Christopher Allen, fullback John Sharp, and tight end Roy Moses. Linebacker Steven Garner and defensive back Michael Patterson will try to shore up a unit that allowed a whopping 403 yards per game. Patterson was second in the SWAC with five interceptions. He is also a threat on punt returns.

Despite their long losing drought, the Panthers receive strong fan support, ranking ninth in Division I-AA in attendance.

BIG TEN

The league's top six teams are likely to feast on the lower five.

BY ANDREW BAGNATO
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The bill finally came due in 1996 for Northwestern's run to the Rose Bowl. But the price wasn't paid in Evanston, where the Wildcats followed their dream 1995 season by grabbing a share of the 1996 Big Ten title. It was paid in such places as Bloomington and West Lafayette, Indiana; Champaign, Illinois; and Minneapolis, Minnesota, where four Big Ten coaches were dismissed or quit under fire.

What's the Northwestern connection? The Wildcats' rapid ascendance made it clear that anyone can succeed in the Big Ten. The farther Northwestern's fame spread, the faster fans on other campuses grew envious. As Indiana athletic director Clarence Doninger said, "Our fans look at Northwestern and say, 'Why can't that be us?'"

Northwestern, which finished 9-3, almost underwent its own coaching change, but the Wildcats' Gary Barnett spurned a reported offer to replace Lou Holtz at Notre Dame. The Fighting Irish instead promoted defensive coordinator Bob Davie to head coach. Davie's first task is to repair Notre Dame's national image after it went 8-3 and declined to be considered for a minor bowl invitation.

The Big Ten's coaching merry-go-round brought new blood to the conference, but none of the four teams that changed leadership figures to make much noise in the coming race for the Rose Bowl. Six teams—Ohio State, Penn State, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Northwestern, in no particular order—are likely to feast on the other five.

In recent years the Big Ten has been marked by outstanding offensive performances, and it has produced a slew of Heisman Trophy candidates and several first-round draft picks at running back, quarterback, and wide receiver. But this year the conference appears ready to go back to its roots, with many of the best returning players on the defensive side. There won't be a return to the Stone Age, when Bo Schembechler and Woody Hayes prowled the sidelines, but the days of WAC-style shootouts might be over.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Ron Dayne,
RB, Wisconsin

DEFENSE:

Andy Katzenmoyer,
LB, Ohio State

NEWCOMER:

Ken-Yon Rambo,
WR, Ohio State

GAMES TO WATCH

Ohio State at Penn
State, October 11

Michigan at Penn
State, November 8

Ohio State at Michigan
State, November 22

MICHIGAN

Michigan was very good in 1996. How good? The Wolverines knocked off two Top 5 teams, Colorado and Ohio State, on the road. But Michigan was also very bad in 1996. How bad? The Maize and Blue lost to Purdue and blew a 16-point fourth-quarter lead at Northwestern.

Lloyd Carr, naturally, is looking for more consistent success. The Wolverines have been something of a disappointment in Carr's two years as head coach (17-8 overall, only 10-6 in the conference). But with 15 starters returning, they figure to make a serious run for the Rose Bowl. Michigan hasn't played in Pasadena in four seasons.

Michigan looks strong on both sides of the ball. The offense is loaded with experienced skill play-

PREDICTIONS

1. Michigan
2. Ohio State
3. Penn State
4. Iowa
5. Wisconsin
6. Northwestern
7. Minnesota
8. Michigan State
9. Purdue
10. Indiana
11. Illinois



Pepe Pearson, Ohio State

ers, including quarterback Scott Dreisbach, tailback Clarence Williams, split end Tai Streets, and tight end Jerame Tuman, a first-team all-conference selection. And that doesn't include Charles Woodson, a two-way star who intercepted five passes as a cornerback and caught 13 as a wide receiver.

On defense, the front line will miss nose tackle Will Carr, but the rest of the wall is solid, with ends David Bowens and Glen Steele sandwiched around tackle Ben Huff. Woodson and strong safety Marcus Ray will make it difficult on opposing passers this year.

As usual, the Wolverines are facing one of the nation's tougher schedules, but they'll do it in front of the friendly 105,000 fans in Michigan Stadium. Their seven home games include the season opener against Colorado and a renewal of the fierce rivalry with Notre Dame; the Big Ten schedule will bring Northwestern, Iowa, and Ohio State to Ann Arbor. If Michigan can hold serve at home, it might even be in the running for the national championship come November, when it visits Penn State and Wisconsin in consecutive weeks.

OHIO STATE

The Buckeyes have been one loss away from playing for the national title each of the last two seasons. The fact that the loss was at the hands of arch rival Michigan both times has been all the

more galling, but they're hardly crying in Columbus after the miraculous Rose Bowl victory over second-ranked Arizona State last January.

The Buckeyes can't beat Michigan, but they've beaten just about everybody else, posting 41 victories in the last four seasons and splitting the conference title twice. And the school has become a pipeline to the NFL, producing the No. 1 pick in the 1997 draft: offensive tackle Orlando Pace. Coach John Cooper's recruiting acumen is the reason the Buckeyes keep showing up around the top of the Big Ten standings.

This year, though, Ohio State will be hard-pressed to contend. The chief strength a year ago, the offensive line, is the main liability this year, with only two starters returning. The Buckeyes are deep at quarterback, with the conference's No. 1 passer, Rose Bowl hero Joe Germaine, and the No. 3 passer, Stanley Jackson.

Tailback Pepe Pearson, who ran for 1,484 yards last year, is also back.

Just four regulars return on defense, but one of them is inside linebacker Andy Katzenmoyer, who as a freshman in 1996 showed the potential to become

Clarence Williams, Michigan

ALL-MIDWEST TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	Ron Powlus	SR	Notre Dame
RB	Ron Dayne	SO	Wisconsin
RB	Curtis Enis	JR	Penn State
RB	Autry Denson	JR	Notre Dame
OL	Flozell Adams	SR	Michigan State
OL	Eric Goldstein	SR	Ohio State
OL	Mike Rosenthal	JR	Notre Dame
OL	Jerame Tuman	JR	Michigan
OL	Aaron Gibson	JR	Wisconsin
WR	D'Wayne Bates	Sr	Northwestern
WR	Tim Dwight	SR	Iowa
PK	Chris Gardner	SR	Michigan State

DEFENSE:

DL	David Bowens	JR	Michigan
DL	Jared DeVries	JR	Iowa
DL	Glen Steele	SR	Michigan
LB	Ike Reese	SR	Michigan State
LB	Andy Katzenmoyer	SO	Ohio State
LB	Aaron Collins	SR	Penn State
LB	Matt Hughes	JR	Iowa
DB	Charles Woodson	JR	Michigan
DB	Jamel Coleman	SR	Purdue
DB	Damon Moore	JR	Ohio State
DB	Allen Rossum	SR	Notre Dame
P	Alan Sutkowski	SR	Indiana

one of the greatest players in school history. Katzenmoyer, the first Buckeye to wear No. 45 since Archie Griffin, led the team in tackles for losses and sacks and was second in interceptions. The secondary is a soft spot after losing three starters, including NFL draftees Shawn Springs and Rob Kelly.

Ohio State's season could come down to the October 11 game against Penn State, whom the Buckeyes have defeated three times in four meetings since the Nittany Lions joined the conference. After that, it figures to be clear sailing until another season-ending collision with "that team up North," as Woody Hayes used to call Michigan.

PENN STATE

After four years in the Big Ten, Penn State has won one conference title. They expect another this fall in Happy Valley, as evidenced by the 62,000 fans who showed up for the Blue-White game at Beaver Stadium last spring. What they saw was a coming-out party for senior quarterback Mike McQueary, a State College product who flashed potential last season (he hit 21 of 44 passes with three touchdowns). But McQueary could face the same difficulty as his predecessor, Wally Richardson, who often seemed to be running for his life. Three sophomores may start on the line. Joe Jurevicius is the leading receiver.

Still, the pass is rarely a priority for any Joe Paterno team. The Nittany Lions, who ran for 213 yards per game in '96, will move the ball on the ground with authority. Junior Curtis Enis, a first-team all-conference pick by the coaches, rushed for 1,210 yards and 13 touchdowns. Look for him on the Heisman lists. Aaron Harris and Chris Eberly each averaged more than five yards per carry. The biggest loss is Brett Conway, who led the league in kick scoring.



BIG TEN



Tim Dwight, Iowa

Defense, as always, is Penn State's forte. Seven starters are back from the unit that finished 13th in the nation in scoring defense, allowing only 15.6 points per game. The leaders are seniors Aaron

Joe Jurevicius, Penn State



Collins and Jim Nelson, who won't embarrass the legacy of Linebacker U.

When Penn State went to the Rose Bowl in 1994, it enjoyed a week off before both the Michigan and Ohio State games. This year, the Buckeyes and Wolverines have to visit Beaver Stadium. Penn State's toughest road game will be at Northwestern, which is rebuilding. With an undemanding nonconference schedule (Pitt, Temple, and Louisville), it's no wonder the fans are getting excited again in Happy Valley.

IOWA

It's getting to be an old story in Iowa City: The Hawkeyes appear to be a Rose Bowl contender until they play another Rose Bowl contender. Last year, they tantalized their followers with an upset victory at Penn State, then watched the momentum from that triumph slip away in blowout losses to Ohio State and

Northwestern. The fact that those defeats came in Kinnick Stadium made them even harder to swallow.

But there are a few reasons to believe that 1996 could be different as Hayden Fry enters his 19th season as head coach. Although it lost four first-team all-conference players, including career rushing leader Sedrick Shaw, Iowa returns 14 starters from last year's team, which finished 18th in the nation and capped a 9-3 season by annihilating Texas Tech in the Alamo Bowl. Quarterback Matt Sherman is 19-7 as a starter and wide receiver Tim Dwight also electrifies as a kick returner. Fry favors a freewheeling attack, and he won't hesitate to open up with Sherman at the controls.

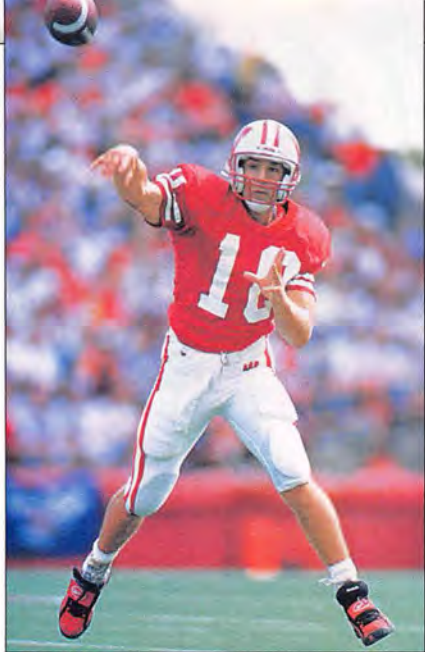
In the past, Iowa's defense has usually done just enough to survive, but last year it showed signs of ferocity, ranking third in the league. The unit is anchored by All-America tackle Jared DeVries and cornerback Plez Atkins. The main concern will be replacing Damien Robinson and Tommy Knight in the secondary, but pass defense isn't a priority in a conference with so few good quarterbacks.

Iowa's 6-2 league mark tied for third, its best finish since 1991. The Hawkeyes are not far from the top, and they ought to find out early if they can make the jump. The schedule sends them to Ohio State and then Michigan in a three-week span in October. If Iowa survives those games, its faithful followers may be ready to point the Winnebagos to Pasadena next New Year's Day.

WISCONSIN

The Badgers closed 1996 with a flourish, winning four of their last five regular-season games and then swamping Utah 38-10 in the Copper Bowl. The reason: running back Ron Dayne (5-10, 261), the biggest thing to hit Madison since pasteurization.

Dayne set an NCAA record by rushing for 2,109 yards as a true freshman. He picked up ground in every way, running over tacklers on some carries and darting through holes on others. Dayne is the No. 2 returning Heisman Trophy vote-getter, behind Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning, and his run for the 1997 Heisman will be spotlighted when Wisconsin challenges Syracuse in the Kickoff Classic, not far from Dayne's hometown of Pine Hill, New Jersey. Dayne, who didn't break into the starting lineup until midseason, may find the yards harder to come by this fall. He'll



Mike Samuel, Wisconsin

be the target of opposing defensive coordinators, who would rather force quarterback Mike Samuel, an erratic passer, to beat them. And Dayne will run behind a line that includes four new starters.

The defense showed great improvement last year, but it needs to find replacements for all-star end Tarek Saleh, the best pass rusher, and linebacker Pete Monty, the leading tackler. Senior cornerback Jason Suttle, who had five interceptions, is among the top returnees.

Wisconsin won eight games in 1996, but that was somewhat misleading. The Badgers lost four straight midseason games to winning teams and defeated only two schools that finished above .500. This year's schedule is tailored for a fast start. If Wisconsin survives Syracuse in the Meadowlands, it likely will be favored in its next eight games. The team's fate probably will be determined in the final three games: Iowa and Michigan at home and Penn State in Happy Valley.

NORTHWESTERN

One year after shocking the nation by rolling to the Rose Bowl, the Wildcats proved they weren't a fluke. They split the 1996 conference title with Ohio State and went to the Citrus Bowl, where they were mauled by Tennessee. Gary Barnett's decision to stay in Evanston signals continued success for the once-downtrodden Wildcats. But all the optimism can't obscure the reality that the Wildcats have to rebuild. They lost all-conference quarterback Steve Schnur, career rushing leader Darnell Autry, inside linebacker Pat Fitzgerald, and defensive tackle Matt Rice.

It's rare for a team to win a Big Ten title with a new quarterback—although Ohio State did it a year ago with the tandem of Stanley Jackson and Joe Germaine. Northwestern's starting job likely will go to Tim Hughes or Chris Hamdorf, red-shirt seniors with limited experience. A highly regarded prospect, sophomore Corbett Elsen, is considered the quarterback of the future. Another Autry, Adrian, a senior, who's not related to Darnell, is the likely successor at tailback. Defense drove Northwestern's revival, and this year fifth-year senior ends Keith Lozowski and Casey Dailey will lead the unit, which is suspect at linebacker.

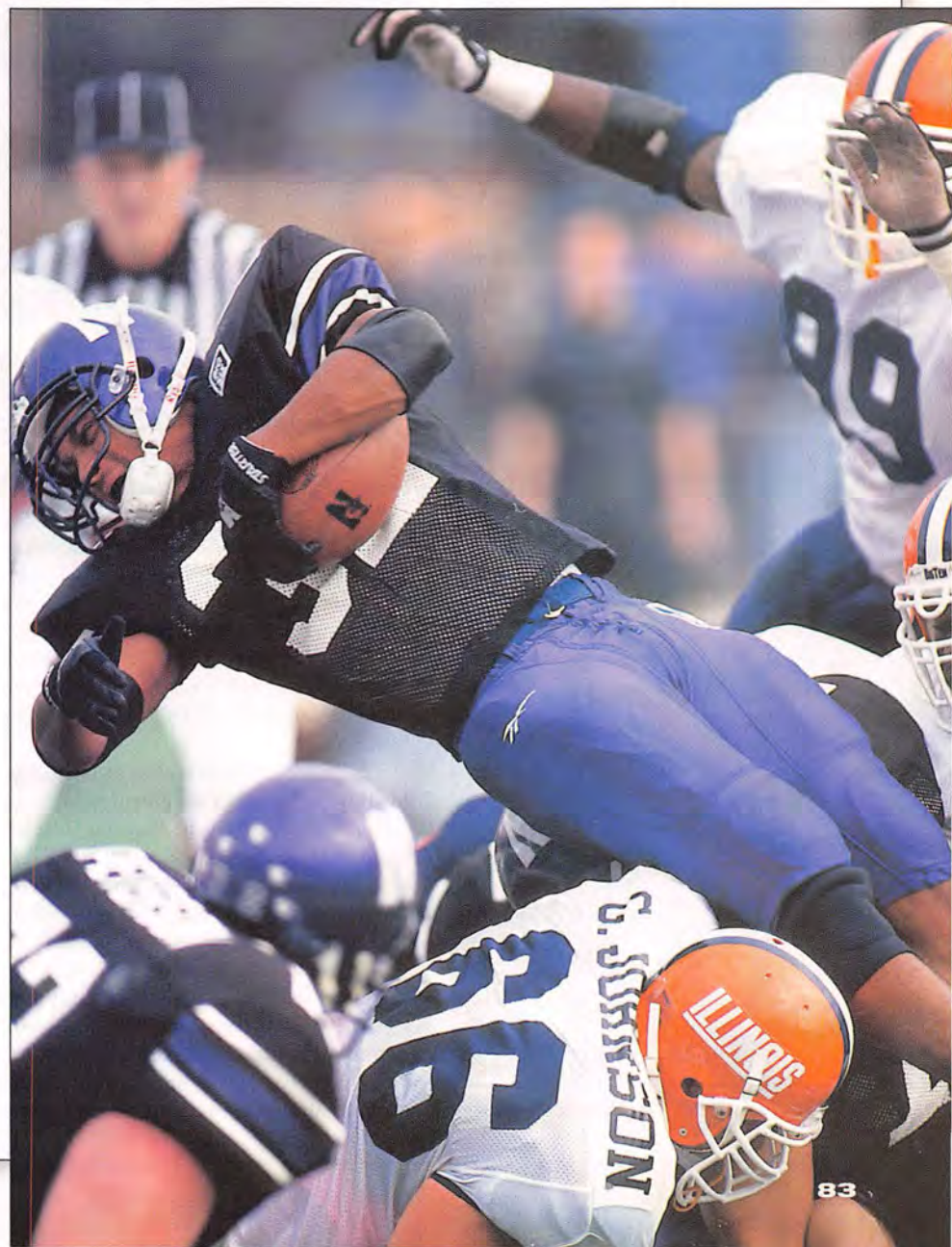
A year ago, the Wildcats seemed to rely almost as much on luck as they did on talent. They sweated out home victories over bottom feeders Purdue, Illinois, and Minnesota by a total of eight points,

Adrian Autry, Northwestern

and they needed a recovered fumble to beat Wisconsin in Madison. Though the nonconference schedule is a breeze, Northwestern will need more than good fortune to survive a conference slate that sends them to Michigan and Ohio State and includes games against Wisconsin, Penn State, and Iowa. The Wildcats have dodged the Buckeyes the last two years, but this season they skip Minnesota and Indiana, two of the worst teams in the league. That's not good news for a team that, as per its slogan, expects victory.

MINNESOTA

Glenn Mason did it at Kansas. Why not at Minnesota? The Golden Gophers have asked Mason to perform the same feat he accomplished with the Jayhawks, bringing respectability to a long-dormant football team in a sparsely populated state. The Jayhawks went 1-10 in



BIG TEN

Mason's first year, 1988, but by 1992 they were 8-4 and drew a bowl bid. It wasn't easy to do in Lawrence, and it won't be easy in Minneapolis. Minnesota has won only 14 games since 1990, when it last posted a winning record (6-5). And the Gophers have won only two conference games in two seasons, though last year they nearly tied co-champion Northwestern on the road.

The first thing Mason has to do is shore up the defense, a team weakness for the last several years. The Gophers conceded 31 points and 409 yards per game last season. With only six starters returning, this could be another long autumn. Minnesota needs junior line-backer Parc Williams to take over a leadership role on the field.

Minnesota's strength, as usual, is its passing attack. Senior quarterback Cory Sauter is close to breaking every meaningful school passing record. He has thrown for 5,258 yards and 32 touchdowns since he took over as the starter two years ago. He led the Big Ten in total offense last season, accounting for 224 yards per game. His prime targets are seniors Tutu Atwell and Ryan Thelwell, who combined for 10.5 catches and 170 yards per game in '96.

Minnesota last appeared in a bowl game in 1986, the year after another rebuilding coach, Lou Holtz, left. The Gophers aren't going bowling this season, but they expect to move up in the Big Ten standings.



Cory Sauter, Minnesota



Sedrick Irvin, Michigan State

MICHIGAN STATE

The good news: The Spartans won six games and went to a second consecutive bowl game in 1996.

The bad news: The Spartans beat only one team with a winning record and were hammered 38-0 by Stanford in the Sun Bowl.

Nick Saban's task is clear as he begins his third season in East Lansing. Having restored the Spartans to respectability, he wants to lead them back into the Big Ten elite. The Spartans haven't been to the Rose Bowl since 1988, when Saban was defensive coordinator under George Perles.

Saban will try to continue his rebuilding effort with an experienced team that returns 17 starters, including 10 on defense. He has developed a reputation as a defensive mastermind, and he was often frustrated by the unit's inconsisten-

cy a year ago. The Spartans held five teams below 16 points, but allowed four others to score 37 or more. The top four tacklers are back, led by outside linebacker Ike Reese and free safety Sorie Kanu, who led the team with three interceptions.

On offense, the Spartans will look for quarterback Todd Schultz, a second-team all-Big Ten pick, to improve on his poor touchdown-to-interception ratio (7-10). Sedrick Irvin, who scored 18 touchdowns as a true freshman last fall, will handle the bulk of the ball carrying. The offensive line is anchored by all-conference candidate Flozell Adams, a mammoth tackle (6-7, 325). If the offense can get close, the rest is up to Chris Gardner, the Big Ten's leading returning place-kicker. He hit 17 of 22 field goals a year ago on his way to 86 points.

PURDUE

Joe Tiller's goal is the same as the two coaches who preceded him at Purdue: Lead the Boilermakers back to a bowl. It's been 31 years since Purdue went to the Rose Bowl and 13 since it appeared in the postseason. Both are the longest droughts in the Big Ten.

The 54-year-old Tiller, whose 1996 Wyoming team took 14-1 Brigham Young into overtime in the Western Athletic Conference championship game, knows that Purdue can do better. He was an assistant on the Boilermakers' last bowl team, which lost to Virginia in the 1984 Peach Bowl.

Those Boilermakers had a future NFL all-pro, Rod Woodson, in the lineup. These Boilermakers don't appear to have that kind of talent, but they do have experience. Purdue returns 15 starters, including two quarterbacks, John Reeves and Billy Dicken, who split the job a year ago. The Boilermakers' top three running backs also return, with 1996 rushing leader Ed Watson in the lead.

Defense was a problem. The Boilermakers allowed 29.5 points per game, ninth in the conference, and held only one opponent under 20 points. That was Michigan, ranked ninth at the time, which Purdue stunned 9-3. Tiller will look for senior linebacker Chike Okefor, a local product, to take command of a unit that returns seven regulars. The Boilermakers figure to make it tough on opposing passers with defensive backs Jamel Coleman and Derrick Brown, who combined for nine interceptions last season.

INDIANA

The first thing to know about new Hoosier head coach Cam Cameron is that he played basketball and football at Indiana. That's important, because without the support of basketball coach Bob Knight, the most powerful figure on campus, Cameron probably wouldn't have been asked to leave the Washington Redskins' staff to replace Bill Mallory, who had revived a moribund Indiana program. Cameron's hiring follows IU's trend of taking coaches who have learned under a master. The difference is that Cameron earned his stripes as an assistant to Michigan legend Bo Schembechler, while Mallory was an assistant to Schembechler's bitter rival, Woody Hayes, of Ohio State.

Mallory, who is both the winningest and losingest football coach in Indiana

history, left Cameron with a solid core of players. The Hoosiers did not lack for talent in 1996. On their way to a 1-7 ninth-place finish in the Big Ten, they led or were tied at half time of games with Northwestern, Michigan, and Penn State and led Ohio State in the fourth quarter.

Indiana's biggest problem figures to be on offense, where only five regulars return. Quarterback Jay Rodgers flashed potential as a redshirt freshman in 1996, but IU's running game is untested, with sophomore Jason Spear (226 yards) the leading player back at tailback.

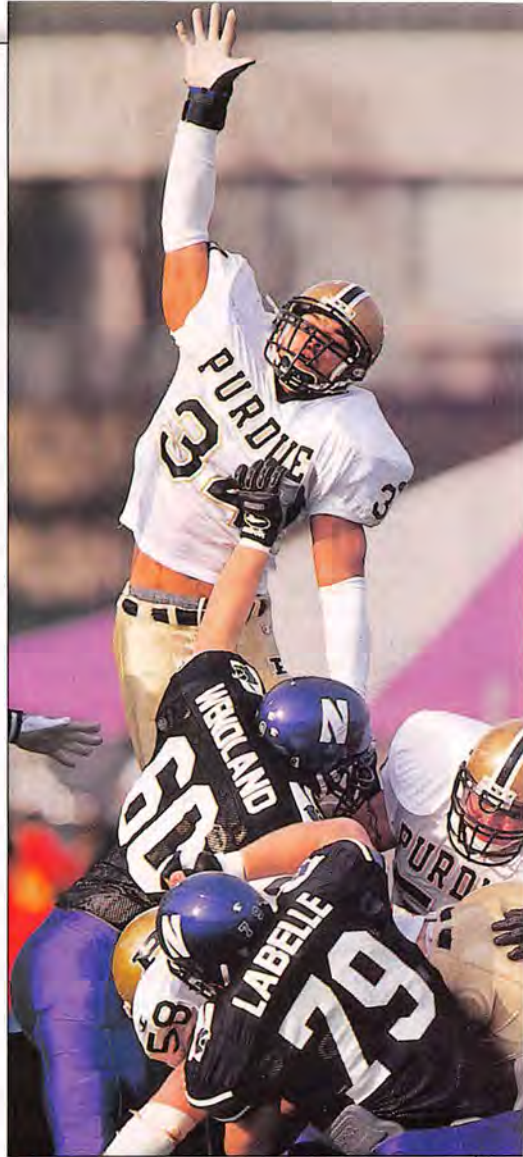
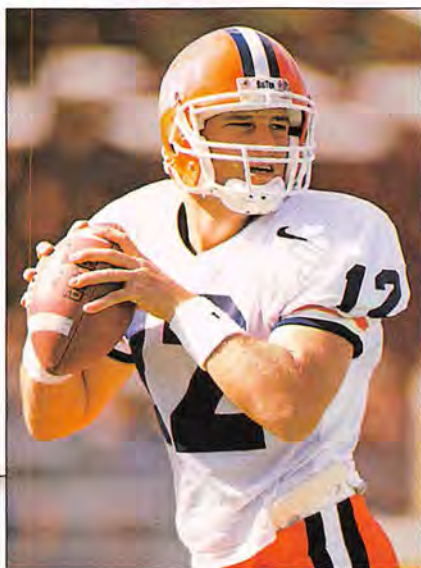
Cameron's staff has a strong Michigan flavor, with three aides who coached or played at Ann Arbor. A fourth assistant, John Harbaugh, is the brother of former Wolverine star Jim Harbaugh. Cameron would like to see his Hoosiers emulate the Maize and Blue on the field, too.

ILLINOIS

When Ron Turner took over as the new head coach last fall, he pledged to restore the Fighting Illini to their winning tradition. No one bothered to ask if he meant the glory days of Red Grange. Aside from a brief surge under Mike White in the 1980s, Illinois football hasn't been awash in success, with only four Big Ten titles since 1951.

Turner, the brother of Washington Redskins head coach Norv Turner, was hired to replace the defensive-oriented Lou Tepper largely because he has a reputation for offensive innovation. Illini fans grew tired of watching a 2-9 team struggle to make first downs last year. Turner's grand offensive schemes require a talented quarterback, but no one in Orange and Blue has proved that he fits that description. The Illini have five candidates for the job. The most experienced is junior Mark Hoekstra, who threw five intercep-

Mark Hoekstra, Illinois



Chike Okefor, Purdue

tions in the Arizona game last fall, but the most talented might be redshirt freshman Tim Lavery. The offense may have to rely heavily on tailback Robert Holcombe, who has shown he can carry the load. He has put together back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons.

Defense was Illinois' forte under Tepper, but it could be a glaring weakness for Turner. Eight starters are back from a unit that conceded a league-worst 34 points per game. There's strength in the secondary, though, with senior James Williams and sophomore Asim Pleas, who had four interceptions. Turner signed a strong first recruiting class, but few of the players are expected to have much impact this year.

One of the reasons cited for Tepper's firing was sagging attendance. The Illini didn't sell out a game in 1996 and averaged only 51,155—about 20,000 below Memorial Stadium's capacity. It was the second-lowest attendance in 19 years. If Turner hopes to win back Illini fans, he'll have to find a way to win some games.

MIDWEST INDEPENDENT

Notre Dame performs better
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BY ANDY BAGNATO
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TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Ron Powlus,
QB, Notre Dame

DEFENSE:

Allen Rossum,
CB, Notre Dame

NEWCOMER:

Cooper Rego,
TB, Notre Dame

GAMES TO WATCH

Notre Dame
at Michigan,
September 27

Notre Dame
at Stanford,
October 4

USC at Notre Dame,
October 18

Notre Dame at LSU,
November 15

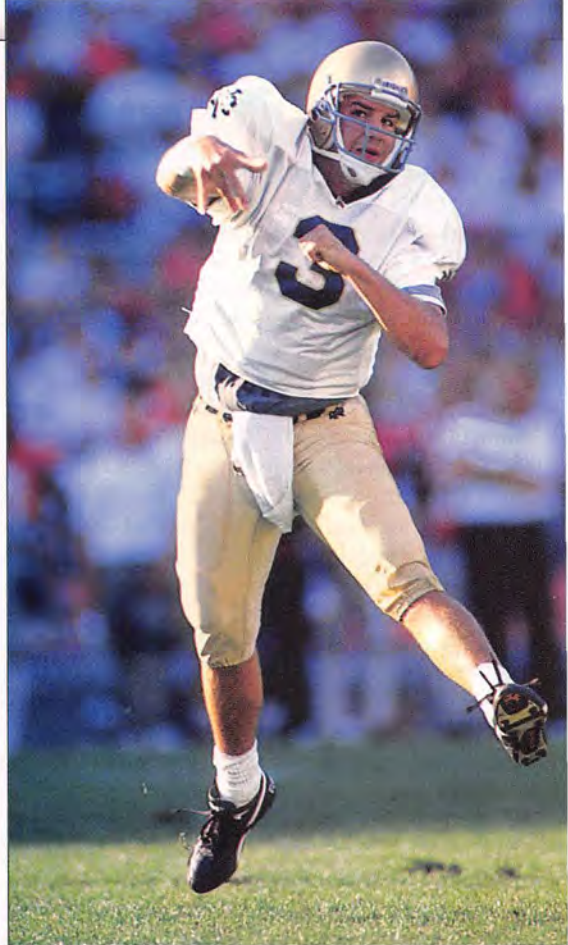
NOTRE DAME

College football's most tradition-laden program has a new look. After 11 seasons under Lou Holtz, Notre Dame handed the reins to Bob Davie, the former defensive coordinator. Davie will open his first season as a head coach at any level in newly expanded Notre Dame Stadium, which will seat 80,000, about 20,000 more than before.

With so much change, it's no wonder the Fighting Irish faithful are yearning for something familiar: a team that contends for the national title. With one national championship since 1977—and none in this decade—the Fighting Irish are on the same bragging-rights level as Georgia Tech (which happens to be the guest when the expanded stadium opens September 6), Brigham Young, and Clemson.

But don't be fooled by those who dismiss Notre Dame as a legitimate contender for No. 1. The Irish tend to perform better when they are underdogs and

Autry Denson, Notre Dame



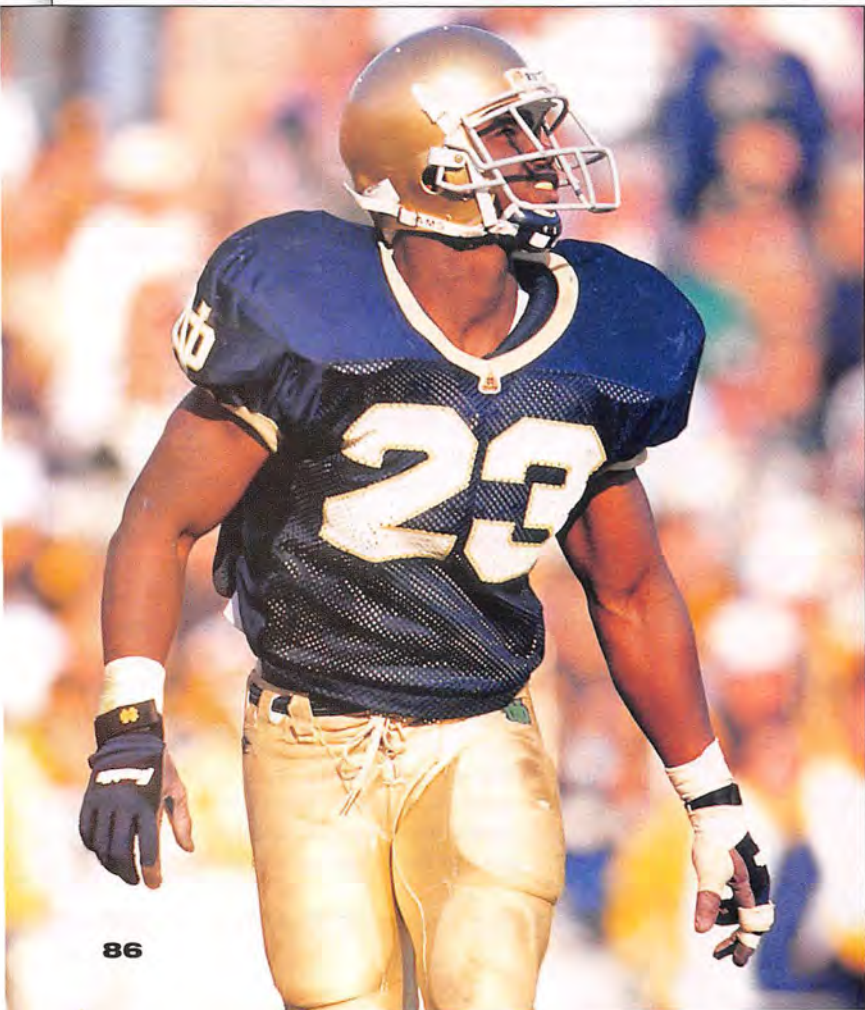
Ron Powlus, Notre Dame

feel they have something to prove—which they do after failing to qualify for a major bowl last season. Quarterback Ron Powlus is back for his final year, and that alone makes Notre Dame a threat. Barring injury, Powlus is likely to leave with most of the school's significant career passing records. He already owns the mark for most touchdowns (43).

Powlus won't have to shoulder the load alone, though. Tailback Autry Denson, who ran for 1,179 yards last fall, is back, as is wide receiver Malcolm Johnson. The offensive line is a veteran unit, with four returning starters, but the Irish are still looking for the big-play man in the Tim Brown-Rocket Ismail mold. *Parade* All-America tailbacks Cooper Rego and Tony Driver are future stars.

On defense, Notre Dame lost end Renaldo Wynn in the first round of last spring's NFL draft. Davie will need end Melvin Dansby, the leading returning tackler, to take charge up front. The linebackers are led by Kory Minor, while the secondary appears solid with cornerback Allen Rossum, an indoor track All-America, who led the nation in punt returns in 1996.

Unlike Holtz, who opened his Notre Dame career with three ranked opponents in the first four weeks, Davie will catch a break in the schedule. The Irish don't figure to be pushed until their September 27 visit to Michigan, which has always brought out the best in them. After that, the schedule presents only three major headaches, with road trips to Stanford and Louisiana State and the traditional game with Southern California.



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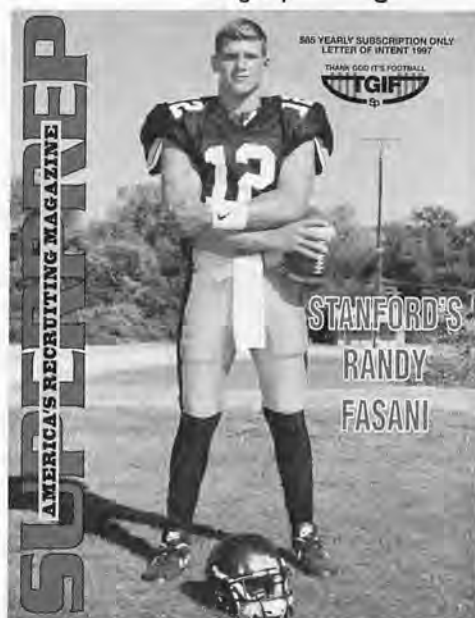
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I-AA national champion Marshall is the class of the new big MAC.

BY STAN SUTTON
LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL

The Mid-American Conference not only adds former league members Marshall and Northern Illinois, but divides its 12 teams into the East and West divisions. Marshall, which has been the dominant team in Division I-AA over the past decade, posted a 15-0 record while winning the Southern Conference title. It returns three starters on offense and five on defense. Marshall was placed in the East Division with Akron, Bowling Green, Kent, Miami, and Ohio. The West Division features Ball State, Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Northern Illinois, Toledo, and Western Michigan. The conference championship game will be played on December 5 in Huntington, West Virginia.

Each team will play eight league games, five against the teams in its division and three against the other division, with all games counting in the MAC standings. Ball State is the defending champion, going 8-4 overall and 7-1 within the league. The Cardinals lost early games to Kansas, Miami, and Minnesota before winning the next eight and gaining a berth in the Las Vegas Bowl, where they lost to Nevada 18-15.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:
Randy Moss,
WR, Marshall

DEFENSE:
Nate Boyd,
LB, Akron

NEWCOMER:
Allen Lidy,
LB, Ball State

GAMES TO WATCH

Marshall at
West Virginia,
August 30

Marshall at Ball State,
September 27

Marshall at Miami,
October 18

Toledo at Ball State,
November 8

EAST DIVISION

MARSHALL

The Thundering Herd's 15-0 record was the best ever in college football, and no opponent lost by less than two touchdowns in coach Bob Pruett's first season in Huntington.

Remember this name: Randy Moss. As a freshman, he caught 78 passes for 1,709 yards and a national-high 28 touchdowns. No freshman in any

Randy Moss, Marshall



PREDICTIONS

EAST DIVISION

1. Marshall
2. Miami
3. Bowling Green
4. Ohio
5. Akron
6. Kent

WEST DIVISION

1. Ball State
2. Toledo
3. Central Michigan
4. Eastern Michigan
5. Western Michigan
6. Northern Illinois

division ever caught as many TD passes, and Moss became the first to catch at least one in 11 games, breaking the record of 10 set by Jerry Rice. Moss caught a touchdown pass in the first quarter of nine games. He also led the country with a kickoff-return average of 34.5 yards.

Oh, yeah, the rest of the team. Jerald Long returns as the other wide receiver. The Herd lost quarterback Erik Kresser, who transferred in from Florida and replaced former starter Chad Pennington.

Now Pennington, who redshirted after throwing for 2,445 yards in '95, is back in control. Running back Eric Thomas (1,296 yards) has graduated, but Doug Chapman (1,238) returns after averaging 6.3 yards a carry. The line lost three regulars, but John Wade is set at center and Brian Reed at right guard.

The defense keeps end B.J. Cohen, nose guard Ricky Hall, linebacker Larry McCloud, and backs Thomas Maxwell and Larry Moore. They can be grateful they don't have to face Moss.

MIAMI

Veteran coach Randy Walker returns 13 starters from a 6-5 team that tied for second in the MAC with a 6-2 record.

Two-year starter Sam Ricketts completed 53 percent of his passes for 1,333 yards, and has thrown for 15 touchdowns and only two interceptions in his last 10 conference games. But Miami must replace tailback Ty King, a 1,065-yard rusher, with Travis Prentice, who ran for 602 yards and 12 touchdowns. He will be escorted by veteran linemen Mike Bird, an all-MAC guard, Mark Sroka, and Ted Stec. The Redskins will miss receiver Tremayne Banks, who set school records for catches in a season (52) and career (118) and for career receiving yards (1,622). Jay Hall and Trevor Gaylor are the new targets.

Six starters anchor a defense that allowed only 15.3 points per game, ninth-best nationally. Chad Brightman, Jason Havens, and Patrice Morgan form a strong line. Linebackers Dee Osborne and Kenyon Harper are gone, but JoJuan Armour was a second-team all-MAC pick and Joe Palcic and Dustin Cohen will move to the first string. Miami's secondary, ranked second nationally in pass defense, lost Cleon Plummer and Jason Druso but kept all-conference cornerback Jamie Taylor, who had 53 tackles and deflected seven passes. John Scott made 10 of 12 field goals and 18 of 19 extra points.

BOWLING GREEN

Falcons coach Gary Blackney is focusing on improving his offensive line, which returns three regulars, and his backfield, where the loss of tailbacks Courtney Davis and Keylan Cates will be felt. Davis led Bowling Green with 767 yards after Cates, the top rusher in 1994-95, was slowed by a knee injury last season. Bowling Green averaged only 2.8 yards

per carry during a 4-7 season. Robbie Hollis and Damien Platt are the top tailback candidates. They will run behind linemen Dontay Hunter, Mark Kautzman, and John Kuck. Tony Holcomb is set at tight end and quarterback Bob Niemet will throw to wideouts Damron Hamilton, Terry Loville, and Jeremy Dusho.

Blackney believes a senior-dominated defense will be the team's strength. The Falcons have five third-year seniors among the eight linebacker and secondary positions. Brothers Kevin and Joe O'Neill head a linebacking corps that includes Brian Manns and Todd Bush on the outside. Chioke Bradley, a three-year starter at strong safety, moves to cornerback, and Demetrius Carr and Junior Williams lend further experience. Tackle Gardner Howard and nose guard Dan King are being pushed by Willie Watson and Dana Johnson. D.J. Durkin and Terrence Alphonso are the likely ends.

OHIO

The Bobcats improved to 6-6 under second-year head coach Jim Grobe. Their fourth-place finish in the conference at 5-3 was their best since 1984. Ohio ranked last in the MAC in passing yardage, but hopes to balance the attack this fall under new offensive coordinator Troy Calhoun.

The quarterback is Kareem Wilson, the league's Offensive Player of the Year. He ran for 1,072 yards (No. 3 among I-A quarterbacks), including a school-record 282 against Bowling Green, the fifth-best rushing performance in league history. The 5-7 Wilson sat out spring practices to

Kareem Wilson, Ohio



concentrate on academics. Junior Mike Orlando could pick up some of the passing slack. Fullback is solid with Steve Hookfin, who ran for 1,125 yards and nine touchdowns. Blocking specialist Ewane Nanji returns at tailback, but he will be pushed by several underclassmen. Sophomore John Cosgrove probably is the fastest of the group, and Karim Hill had five starts before losing his job. Damion Maxwell's 17 catches led the Bobcats. All-MAC guard Jason Caudill, who left early to test the NFL waters, is among four starters missing from the offensive line.

The defense returns eight starters, including nose guard Geno Walsh and linebackers Tom Carder, Mark Calgaro, Andre Jackson, and Leigh Barbour. The secondary may be Ohio's strong point: Dennis Fitzgerald, Brandon Cade, Tevell Jones, and Mark Stubbs.

AKRON

Early-season challenges at Nebraska and LSU are among seven road games facing the Zips, who return 14 starters from a 4-7 team. Third-year coach Lee Owens had the No. 3 defense in the MAC. Linebacker Nate Boyd, who had 140 tackles, will line up alongside Eric Small or Brad King. Outside linebacker Nate Johnson will move to the secondary, joining free safety Andrae McCray. Jon Eaton and George Germany are the cornerbacks. George Cameron is the other outside linebacker. The line will be led by tackles Jamey Bennett and Tarik West and end Corey Christian.

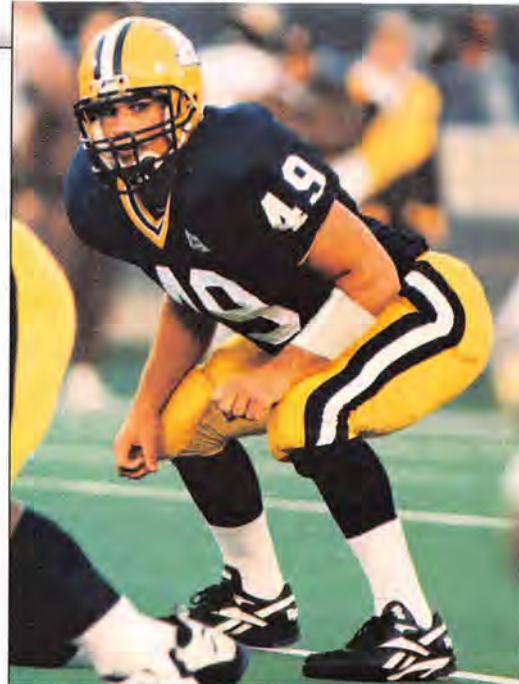
Greg Gromek, who completed just 35 percent of 81 throws, started and won three late-season games. Chris Rooney returns at fullback, and tackle Steve Hale and guards Kevin Kuntz and Dan Wessman are established.

"We have got to get better on offense," Owens said. "With the guys we have coming back on defense, we're going to hold teams to three touchdowns or less in our league. But we need to be able to score more than three touchdowns a game."

KENT

The Golden Flashes begin the season with a six-game losing streak accumulated at the end of a 2-9 season. Defense was the biggest problem. Kent lost 52-51 to Central Michigan and 63-42 to Nevada. The Flashes gave up nine touchdowns in a 64-6 loss to Miami.

Keeping up with opponents who are averaging 45 points a game proved



Nate Boyd, Akron

impossible. Coach Jim Corrigan seeks improvement from eight returning defensive starters, including linemen Courtney Short, Dejon Young, and Shawn Thompson. Kent lost end Tyrell Clinton, linebacker Quincy Falker, and cornerback Joe Karr, but retained linebackers Roger Terry and Justin Sanford and backs Geoff Betts, Gary McCullough, and Benny Jones. Terry led the Flashes with 154 tackles, including 15 for losses, and Sanford had 120 stops.

Tackle Steve Zahursky, guards Brian Moore and Duvall Braxton, and center Bob Hallen are veterans in the offensive line. Todd Goebbel is back at quarterback after throwing for 2,427 yards and 19 scores. Tailback Astron Whatley has been Kent's leading rusher the past three seasons, ranking second in the MAC in '96 with 102.9 yards per game.

WEST DIVISION

BALL STATE

The Cardinals have a 15-8 record since Bill Lynch arrived two years ago. Lynch will have to do some retooling after losing 12 starters. Damon Hummel returns at defensive tackle, but line mates Hiram Maddox, Donald Rigg, and Brian Williams are missing, as are outside linebacker Aaron Gralak and defensive backs Raphael Ball, Grant Gray, and Cory Gilliland. Jeff Phelps and Howard Simms return at linebacker. Keyon Laws returns to the secondary.

Tackles Eric Lows and Joe Schmitt lend experience to the offensive line. Dane Wheeler is set at tight end. Ball State lost quarterback Brent Baldwin, who passed

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for 1,703 yards and 14 touchdowns, and tailback Michael Blair, who ran for 680 yards. LeAndre Moore, who averaged 5.4 yards while running for 621, is set at tailback. The receivers include Manuel Compas and Tim Geesman.

All-America punter Brad Maynard is gone, but placekicker Brent Locklear returns. He converted 91 percent of his field goals.

TOLEDO

Although the Rockets tied for second in the MAC at 6-2, their 7-4 overall record was disappointing after they went unbeaten in 1995. An opening-game injury to star tailback Wasean Tait could prevent him from playing this year, and three other tailbacks were injured later in the season. "There is no way we can afford to count on Tait this year," said coach Gary Pinkel. "If he is able to play, it will be a great bonus."

Pinkel must also replace quarterback Ryan Huzjak, a four-year regular, and receiver James Spriggs. Junior Chris Wallace is the new quarterback. He will look for Brock Kreitzburg, who had 36 catches last fall. Tailbacks Kevin Kidd and Justin Wooley combined for almost 900 yards.

Toledo retains 18 lettermen from a defense that allowed 315 yards per game against conference opponents. Tackles Jason Richards and Joey Jones and ends Loren Burkey and James Ross had a total of 22 tackles for losses in '96. Other standouts are linebacker Marcus Matthews and corner Clarence Love.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

Dick Flynn's primary goal is to improve the Chippewas' defense, which ranked ninth in the MAC, yielding 425 yards a game. The offense, meanwhile, led the conference (478 yards and 31.9 points per game).

Flynn saw improvement defensively late in the season and can build around linemen C.J. Remmo, Calvin Massenberg, and Jon McCall. Twins Jason and Jeremy Gold return at linebacker. Former safety Jerome Winston is expected to play on the outside. Converted tailbacks Eric Nance and Chad Alexander should help in the secondary, where Jason Husband and Shawn Williams return. Anthony Jones is likely to start at free safety.

Quarterback Chad Darnell, who passed for nearly 3,000 yards, must be

replaced. Senior Tim Crowley has a leg up on the job. All-MAC tailback Silas Massey rushed for 1,544 yards and all-MAC receiver Reggie Allen set school records for receptions (66) and yards (1,229). Bryan Schorman had 53 catches and Adam Simonson had 31.

EASTERN MICHIGAN

The Eagles were devastated by a lot of injuries, including one that put quarterback Charlie Batch out for nine games. Nine true freshmen were used during a 3-8 season in Rick Rasnick's second year as coach.

Defensive back Rodney Nubin also missed part of the season, but he and Batch return. Batch threw for 21 touchdowns and 3,177 yards two years ago. Sophomore Walt Church, who started nine games, is the backup. Tailbacks Mike Scott and Savon Edwards combined for almost 1,400 rushing yards, thanks partly to the blocking of fullback Mark Crnkovic. The line retains tackles L.J. Shelton and Brian Wilcox and guard Mencil Williams. Ontario Pryor, who had 62 catches, is gone, but tight end Pat Laughlin and wideouts Keijuan Douglas and Ta-if Kumasi are back. Placekicker Justin Ventura returns.

The defense is led by all-MAC nose guard Lionel Dalton. Avery Brown is back at outside linebacker. He led the MAC in tackles for losses and posted 11 sacks. Rejoining him on the unit are linebacker Clifton Robinson and backs Corey Baskin, Demetrius Johnson, and Terry Reed.

WESTERN MICHIGAN

Gary Darnell takes over as coach of the Broncos, who finished ninth in the MAC and were 2-9 overall. Darnell will shift to a 4-3-4 defense, which returns seven regulars. Outside linebacker Rick Lucas recorded 12 tackles for losses. Inside linebacker Steve Roon had 69 tackles. He will be flanked on the other side by sophomore Scott Niles. Cornerback Heron O'Neal and safeties William Reed and Tarrence McEvans are set. O'Neal led the Broncos with 84 tackles. Junior Tackle Dan Falcon is the only regular returning up front.

Quarterback Tim Lester, co-Freshman of the Year in the Mid-American, completed 55.9 percent of his passes for 2,189 yards. Lester lost all-MAC receiver Tony Knox, Montres Gords, Sean Riley, and Derrick Royal. His targets this fall include tight end Jake Moreland and

transfer Josh Sullivan. Halfback Bruno Heppell left school early to enter the Canadian Football League draft, leaving sophomore Robert Hatch as the lone letterman at the position. William Henagan is expected to play fullback, and the line will be built around two-time all-MAC tackle Joe Lewandowski.

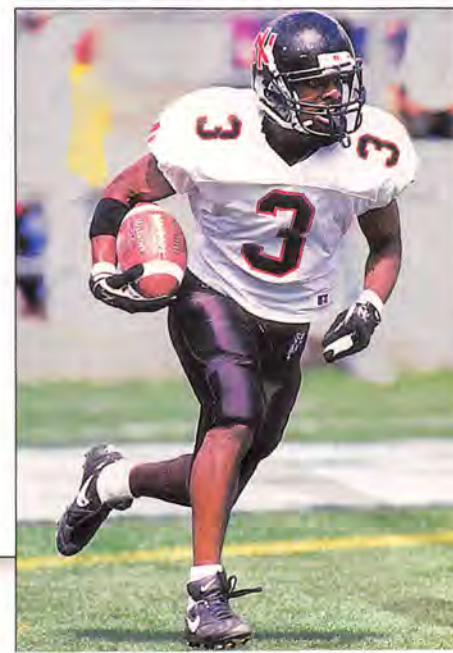
NORTHERN ILLINOIS

The Huskies' 1-10 record as an independent included lopsided losses to Maryland, Penn State, and Oregon State. The lone victory was a 31-30 decision against Arkansas State, and the season ended with seven straight losses in which NIU was outscored 274-120.

Second-year coach Joe Novak retains 14 starters, including four on the offensive line, led by tackles Chris Thornton (6-8, 336) and Jamie Macdonald and guard Kent Booth. Former guard Bill Wise moves to center. The quarterback could be part-time starter Randall Foster or freshman Rob Harding. Tailback Charles Talley, who ran for 3,155 career yards, must be replaced. Mike Stokes, Mike Johnson, and Ricardo King will vie for playing time. Mike Stack and Terrence Tate are fullback candidates, and the primary receiver is Deon Mitchell, who paced the Huskies in five categories.

The defense wore out after averaging more than 32 minutes on the field. It ranked 105th in scoring defense (36.4) and 99th in yards allowed (451.3). The line features Will Ford, Orlando Bowen, Bill Simpson, and Ebbie Parsons, and the linebacking returns Perry Amoo, Steve Smith, and Mumin Muhammad. Backs Patrick Stephen and Duane Hawthorne have experience.

Deon Mitchell, Northern Illinois



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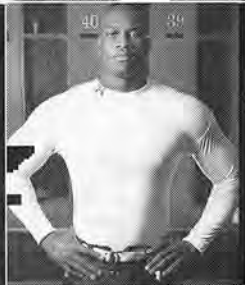


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OHIO VALLEY

Eastern Illinois replaces Murray State as the conference champs.

BY STAN SUTTON
LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL

Eastern Illinois has made the I-AA playoffs for two straight seasons and won 22 of its last 28 games, but first-round play-off eliminations in 1995 and '96 have left some unfulfilled goals. Like most teams in the OVC, the Panthers face major problems replacing key people. They offer a blend of passing and running, though, that should make them a formidable contender to battle defending champion Murray State and always-tough Eastern Kentucky for the title.

Murray State was 11-2 last season and has won 16 straight conference games, setting up five straight appearances in postseason play. But while the Racers have a veteran offensive team, they will be without quarterback Mike Cherry, who threw for 2,406 yards and 18 touchdowns. If new coach Denver Johnson can find a suitable passer, he may continue to have the league's most formidable offense, but there are some large voids on the other side of the ball.

Eastern Kentucky coach Roy Kidd has a history of coming up with talent largely unseen at the start of the season. The Colonels, twice national champions in I-AA, had a strong defense, but their 6-5 record disappointed their loyal followers. League members Austin Peay State and Morehead State are non-participating schools in football, creating an eight-team race.

PREDICTIONS

1. Eastern Illinois
2. Eastern Kentucky
3. Murray State
4. Middle Tennessee State
5. Tennessee State
6. Tennessee Tech
7. Tennessee-Martin
8. Southeast Missouri State

EASTERN KENTUCKY

The Colonels' 6-5 record was below their usual standards, but a 6-2 conference mark tied for second. Beginning his 34th year as Eastern Kentucky's coach, Roy Kidd will try to contend again with 32 returning lettermen.

Eastern Kentucky ranked second in the OVC in scoring defense and fifth in total defense. Linebacker Britt Bowen had 11.5 tackles for losses and strong safety Scooter Asel picked off four passes. Their supporting crew includes ends David Hoelscher, who led the conference in sacks in 1995 but was bothered by injuries last fall, and Sanford Baskin, a former tackle. Rejoining them are cornerbacks Corey Clark and Dedric Campbell and linebacker Charles Tinsley. Junior college transfers Justine Ernest, a tackle, and linebacker Brandon Ward should also help, and safety Chris Guyton is back from a medical redshirt season. Redshirt linemen Marshall Presley and Deven Jackson are in the picture.

Five starters return on offense, including all-OVC flanker Bobby Washington and split end Rondel Menendez, who combined for 80 catches and 12 touchdowns. Tackle Tyrone Hopson, guard Reggie Myrtill, and fullback Jonathan Butler are back as well, with Butler possibly moving to tailback, where Drew Hall averaged 5.6 yards a carry. Simon Fuentes is the likely quarterback.

MURRAY STATE

Coach Houston Nutt, whose Murray State teams won the past two OVC titles, has moved on to Boise State and former Oklahoma assistant Denver Johnson has taken over. Greeting him are eight returning starters on offense, including the entire line, 1,000-yard rusher Anthony Downs, and 1,000-yard receiver Reginald Swinton. The Racers accumulated almost 5,000 yards in 1996 and outscored opponents 426-169.

Besides quarterback Mike Cherry, the Racers must replace fullback David McCann, who ran for 480 yards and seven scores, and wideout Jesse Jones (872 yards). The newcomers include quarterback Eric Guajardo, Texas's 4-A Player of the Year, who will operate behind proven linemen Bill Brown, Bob Reynolds, Brian Cox, Mark Robinson, and Willie Van Gorder. Tight end Maurice Pollard is a 250-pounder. Rob Hart set conference records with 22 field goals and 112 points.

The defense will miss its entire front line, including three-time all-OVC lineman Anthony Hutch. Also gone is two-time All-America cornerback William Hampton, cornerback Renardo Hampton, and outside linebackers Reuel Shepherd and Elliott Dunn. Linebacker Ronnie Merritt has led the Racers in tackles the past two seasons and will be supported by safety Kenny Thomas, linebacker Chris Vaughn, and rover Sean Nolan.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Reginald Swinton,
WR, Murray State

DEFENSE:

Antonio Strobridge,
DE, Tennessee-Martin

NEWCOMER:

Fred Taylor,
QB, Tennessee State

GAME TO WATCH

Eastern Kentucky at
Eastern Illinois,
November 22

EASTERN ILLINOIS

Eastern Illinois posted an 8-4 record and tied for second in the Ohio Valley Conference despite heavy graduation losses. The same rebuilding situation applies this season.

The offensive line was depleted, leaving only Chris Dunkle and Pete Wilkes as holdovers. Mike Simpson completed 66 percent of his throws and ranked eighth nationally in pass efficiency. The Panthers complement him with an attack led by Justin Lynch, the OVC's No. 3 rusher. Jabarey McDavid averaged 121 yards in the five games he played as a freshman. Fullback Conrad Praamsma can run as well as block. In the final regular-season game, he gained 132 yards, Lynch 126, and McDavid 119.

"We had a successful blend of rushing and passing last year, and I don't see any reason to change," said 11th-year coach Bob Spoo. "We were able to take advantage of an offensive line that averaged well over 300 pounds. We won't be quite as big this year."

The Panthers' defense, ranked 11th nationally, is led by linebackers Rodney Wilson, Rodney Pontes, and Lance Lohrenz and by cornerback Hasheem Rasheed. Spoo must replace Shawn Denzler, the Ohio Valley's top punter, but keeps Chris Watson, who averaged 25 yards in kickoff returns and 10 yards on punt returns.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE ST.

The Blue Raiders, who posted a 6-5 record in Boots Donnelly's 20th season as coach, have 12 returning starters but have to replace the entire defensive line. The new defensive front probably will feature Mal Waldrep and Rick Holliday and ends John Cook and Jacob Sorrells, but Holliday is the only player with much experience. The secondary retained Cedric Stegall, DeAndre James, and Darrell Love, but must replace Typail McMullen. Linebackers Clay Griffin and Brian Chastain return.

Donnelly hopes Jonathan Quinn can return to the form that saw him pass for more than 1,700 yards as a sophomore. Last year he started but five games and saw his production fall off to 931 yards as now departed transfer Ronnie Gordon ran the show. Kelverick Green is back at tailback, and Lebrion McGill should return from a broken ankle by fall. Jermaine Wilson will be at fullback, but the loss of Dee Mostiller and his 110 career catches will be felt. Matt Lowe is the leading returning receiver. There are some problems in the offensive line, where only sophomores Wes Langford and Jeff Thomas return as starters. Karl Bates and Konrad Kaul add further experience.

TENNESSEE STATE

Texas Christian transfer Fred Taylor is putting up a fight to become the TSU quarterback after a fine spring. Todd Valentine completed 51 percent of his throws last year, when the Tigers posted a 4-7 record under first-year coach L.C. Cole, but he also threw 11 interceptions.

Tennessee State returns 14 starters to the roster. Calvin Davenport is the heir apparent at tailback after Jarrick Hillery was switched to free safety. The offensive line features tackles Bennie Anderson and John Haskins and guard Shawn Thompson. Wideout Juan Hall, who had 72 catches for 1,021 yards, and tight end Ernest Hester return.

The defensive line includes Kanar Carter, Brian Hubbard, and Eric McCray. Ryan Falker holds the fort at linebacker and Darrell Hinton, Lemual Ligon, and T.J. Smith man the secondary.

TENNESSEE TECH

The Golden Eagles were 5-6 in Mike Hennigan's first season as coach, and 14 returning starters offer promise for improvement.



Andre Caballero, Tennessee Tech

The defense includes end Jamie McBryar, who had seven tackles for losses, and will be boosted by the return of tackle Eddie Arnell, who missed last season because of an injury. Josh Harris is the other tackle and sophomore Jerry Turner, who contributed five sacks, is the other end. Jeremy Morrow and Mike Barnard also will play. Linebacker Sammy Sanders was an all-OVC pick and works inside with Trent McNaull, who had 10 stops for losses. Jeff Norman, Greg Brown, Marcus Rush, Stanley McGraw, and Jeff Hunnicutt all figure in Hennigan's plans. The loss of Robert Taylor will be felt in the secondary, where Virgil Kirkland and Reggie Knighten hold down the corners. Josh Symonette and Corey Chamblin also will start and Vince Griffin and Santravious McKeever will be backups.

Senior Andre Caballero threw for 971 yards. Junior T.J. Christian is set at fullback. Sophomore Brant Billen gets the nod at tailback with Gabe Tillman in reserve.

TENNESSEE-MARTIN

In trying to revive a program coming off a 1-10 season, Jim Marshall started retooling by signing 23 prospects, most of them from West Tennessee. Newcomers are likely to play immediately to alleviate a shortage of size in both lines and speed at the skill positions.

Defensive end Antonio Strobbridge was a second-team all-OVC pick and will work in a line that includes Reggie Walk-

er and Charles Gill. Linebacker Jon Swift led the Ohio Valley with 134 tackles and seven fumble recoveries. The secondary features Rod Harris and Ernest Johnson.

Rick Wilson, the starting quarterback late in the '96 season, completed 55 percent of his 142 throws. Some new receivers will be worked in to complement Corey Bieniemy, Damon Atwater, and Shane Cowan, who had 51 catches as a true freshman. The line will get a boost from several junior college transfers, who will join veterans Richard Coure and Rodney Swearingen.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ST.

SMSU picked up quarterback Heath Graham, who transferred from Southern Mississippi, and added a new offensive coordinator, Steve Schottel, in an attempt to improve upon a 3-8 record. Graham passed for 4,053 yards and 23 touchdowns in three seasons. One of his wide receivers will be Dante Bryant, who transferred from Pitt a year ago and caught 25 passes last fall. Other receivers include Diandrai Webb and tight ends Mitch Fryer and John Borne.

The Indians' top rusher is fullback Britt Mirgaux. He will be supported by tailbacks Tony McDonald and Corey Williams, both of whom sat out last season. O.D. Koleosho, a transfer from Oklahoma, adds depth at tailback. The defense is led by 295-pound Angel Rubio and 280-pound Troy Baglio. The linebacking corps has changed and includes former fullback Gabe Jenkins.

CONFERENCE USA

The race for the league title may be even more competitive in '97.

BY RANDY MELL

SUN-SENTINEL OF SOUTH FLORIDA

The race for the first Conference USA football crown was a thriller. Houston secured a share of the title with Southern Mississippi by outscoring the Eagles 56-49 in a heart-thumping overtime shootout in early November. Conference USA featured some exciting football, the kind the conference would love to bring to its fans every year. In that shootout, both teams combined for more than 1,000 yards of offense, but it took a desperate defensive play to secure the victory for Houston. Cougars defensive back William Fields dragged down Southern Mississippi's Francis Brand at the 1-yard line on the game's final play.

The Cougars, under coach Kim Helton, tied Arizona State as the nation's most improved team, increasing their victory total by five. The race for the league title may be even more competitive this year with East Carolina joining Conference USA as it expands to seven members. The Pirates, Southern Mississippi, Houston, Cincinnati, and Louisville all appear to be legitimate challengers. Conference USA isn't done expanding, either. Army will join the league next year and Alabama-Birmingham in 1999.

PREDICTIONS

1. Southern Mississippi
2. Cincinnati
3. Houston
4. Louisville
5. East Carolina
6. Memphis
7. Tulane

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Scott Harley,
RB, East Carolina

DEFENSE:

Marchant Kenny,
LB, Southern Miss

NEWCOMER:

Kenton Evans,
QB, Memphis

GAMES TO WATCH

Louisville at Kentucky,
August 30

Southern Miss at
Cincinnati,
November 1

Houston at
Southern Miss,
November 15

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Jeff Bower begins his seventh season in Hattiesburg with 15 starters back from last year's conference co-champions. The Eagles were flying a year ago with an 8-1 start, only to lose their final two games at Houston and Florida State. Still, the 8-3 record matched the school's best since 1988. The big disappointment was no bowl bid; Houston got the Liberty Bowl. So there's a lot of motivation this season. The Eagles will need it with a rigorous schedule that includes defending national champion Florida (August 30), Alabama, and Tennessee among seven road games.

The Eagles will continue to throw it, but they would like to spring some talented running backs, including senior Eric Booth, who must regain his form after knee surgery cut his season short. The Eagles managed just 97.1 yards rushing per game. Junior Lee Roberts passed for 1,296 yards with 12 touchdowns and seven interceptions after taking over for the final six games. In his first start, he broke a school record by completing 14 passes in a row against East Carolina. His 398 yards passing against Houston set another school mark.

The defense held four opponents to seven points or less in '96, though Florida State stung them for 54 in the season finale and Houston for 56 in overtime. Senior linebacker Marchant Kenny (conference-leading 141 tackles), senior free safety Perry Phenix, sophomore end Adalius Thomas, and senior end Robert Brown return.

CINCINNATI

Coach Rick Minter, who orchestrated Cincinnati's first back-to-back winning seasons in more than a decade, returns the foundation of a squad (15 starters) that went 6-5 a year ago.

Versatile junior quarterback Chad Plummer threw for two TDs and ran for two others in a 31-20 victory over conference co-champion Houston. The strength of the unit, however, is the running game. The Bearcats averaged 181.4 rushing yards. Senior Daryl Royal's ankle injury sidelined him for three games. He burned Miami of Ohio for 282 yards en route to 853 for the season. Senior tackle and All-America candidate Jason Fabini is one of five returning starters on the line.

The defense has come a long way under Minter, jumping from 75th in total defense in 1994 to 13th last season. The linebacking crew returns intact with senior Phillip Curry, a four-year starter, in the middle and junior Hassan Champion and senior Brad Jackson outside. The attacking defensive scheme depends on penetration up front from seniors Derrick Ransom and John Kobalka. Senior cornerback

Artrell Hawkins is the only returning starter in the secondary. Eric Richards made 12 of his final 15 field goal attempts.

HOUSTON

The Cougars reversed their sagging fortunes with a rousing finish. A 56-49 victory late in the year against Southern Miss in an overtime thriller gave Houston a share of the crown and the berth in the Liberty Bowl, where even a loss to Syracuse couldn't dampen enthusiasm over the school's turnaround. It was the first bowl berth in eight seasons and the first winning record since 1990.

Coach Kim Helton will have to overcome the loss of quarterback Chuck Clements, tailback Antowain Smith, and receivers Charles West and Damion Johnson. Sophomore Tyson Helton, the coach's son, will battle redshirt freshman Jason McKinley and sophomore Glenn Odell at quarterback. The good news on offense is tailback Ketric Sanford, who was named

Eric Richards, Cincinnati





Ketrick Sanford, Houston

Conference USA Freshman of the Year after running for 747 yards and seven touchdowns. Senior center Ben Fricke anchors the offense with his hard-nosed play up front. A tough nonconference schedule opens at Alabama and includes dates at UCLA and Minnesota and at home against California.

Senior linebacker Mike Parker is on pace to become Houston's career leader in tackles. The defense returns 10 starters, but Helton is switching from a 4-3 to 3-4 scheme with the idea of attacking more. Senior tackles Antoine Simpson and Leonta Rheams will key the unit. Junior Sebastian Villarreal could make the difference in tight games. He made 11 of 15 field goals last year.

LOUISVILLE

A nonconference schedule could make or break the Cardinals in their quest to improve upon last year's 5-6 finish. If they can win at least two games in September, Ron Cooper's team should be rolling with some momentum when conference play begins. After opening their season against rival Kentucky on August 30, they play Utah, Illinois, Penn State, and Oklahoma in September.

Louisville will be fun to watch with former *Parade* All-America quarterback Chris Redman back as a sophomore. Redman played with abandon after taking over in the sixth game. He threw for more than 300 yards against Michigan State and for 400 against Southern Miss. Senior Miguel Montano is 45 catches short of becoming the school's career leader. The Cardinals couldn't run the ball, though, averaging just 94.5 yards per game. Senior Donnell Gordon (433 yards) missed the final three games with an injury. Senior center Graig Hoffman leads four returning line starters.

It's hard to imagine the Cardinals improving on last year's stellar defensive effort. Gone are All-Americans Tyrus McCloud at linebacker and Sam Madison at cornerback, playmakers who helped Louisville finish No. 4 in total defense nationally. Senior linemen Kendrick Gholston and Matt Conway are the top returnees. Gholston needs just seven sacks to become Louisville's career leader.

EAST CAROLINA

The Pirates compete for the first year in the conference with just nine returning regulars. Among the missing is quarterback Marcus Crandell, who helped the Pirates go 8-3 and rout the Miami Hurricanes 31-6 in a stunner in the Orange Bowl. But head coach Steve Logan is back, and he's the common denominator in East Carolina's three consecutive winning seasons.

Junior Scott Harley is the leading returning rusher in the nation. He ran for 1,745 yards with a 5.7-yard per-carry average. He likes carrying the load. He rushed for 351 yards in one game last season and 291 in another. Senior Dan Gonzalez must fill Crandell's shoes at quarterback. With Crandell out with an injury last year, Gonzalez threw for 230 yards in engineering a 50-29 rout of North Carolina State. He passed for 1,322 yards in a relief role in the second half of the season. Larry Shannon averaged 21.4 yards, tops in the nation, on 39 catches.

Defensively, ECU held opponents to 10 points or less in five games. The Pirates led the nation in takeaways (36), but there are a lot of holes to fill.

MEMPHIS

The Tigers are coming off the most rewarding losing record in school history. Their shocking upset of No. 6 Tennessee in early November made coach Rip Scherer's season. The Tigers finished at 4-7, but their fans had that 21-17 victory against the Volunteers to dwell on all off-season. Kevin Cobb's dazzling 96-yard kickoff return for a touchdown and Chris Powers' three-yard TD catch of a Qadry Anderson pass with 38 seconds left will live long in the memory of Memphis fans. It was the Tigers' first victory over Tennessee in 16 tries.

But even those memories won't keep Tigers fans happy if Memphis endures another losing season. The big question is at quarterback, where heralded prep passer Kenton Evans hopes to lead his home-

town team. He threw for more than 10,000 yards at Westwood High School. But there's a senior in Bernard Oden bidding to take over. Junior Richie Floyd, senior Chancy Carr, and sophomore Damien Dodson make a formidable receiving corps. Sophomore Teofilo Riley was the leading rusher last fall.

The defense will miss standout Richard Hogans and the entire linebacking crew. End Marquis Bowling is the only returning starter on the front seven. The secondary is the most experienced unit, with senior Kevin Cobb, sophomore Mike McKenzie, and junior free safety Jeremy Stewart returning.

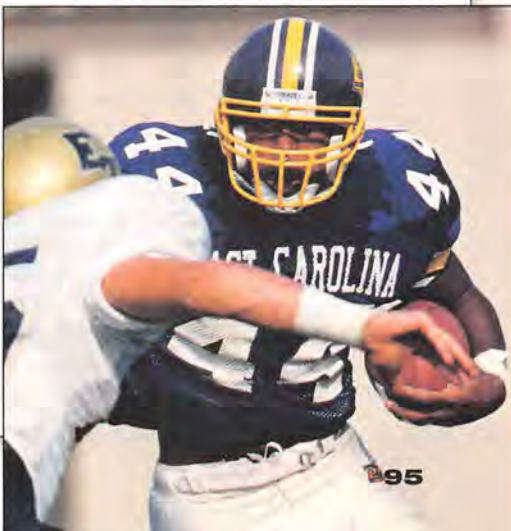
TULANE

Tulane finally has something to get excited about. A new coach, Tommy Bowden, brings new hope. He's the son of long-time Florida State coach Bobby Bowden and brother of Auburn coach Terry Bowden. The name is associated with so much winning, and that's something Tulane football would like to learn a little about.

The Green Wave hasn't enjoyed a winning season since 1987, and Bowden's not going to turn things around this year with just three starters back on offense. But he knows something about offense, so Tulane ought to be fun to watch in a few years. The line was hit hard by graduation, which will make things hard on Shaun King and Jamaican Dartez. King threw seven TDs to six interceptions. Dartez ran for 583 yards.

Defensively, seven regulars are back from the unit that yielded 30 or more points five times. Linebackers Derrick Singleton and Brian Williams make most of the tackles, and cornerback Michael Jordan makes a lot of pass breakups (a school-record 15 last fall). Junior Brad Palazzo hit 12 of 15 field goals.

Scott Harley, East Carolina



BIG EAST

Miami and Syracuse go head-to-head for the conference crown.

BY MICKEY FURFARI

There were two major surprises in the Big East last fall. The first was Virginia Tech's 21-7 victory at Miami, where the home team had never lost a league game. The other came two weeks later, when the Hurricanes blew into the Carrier Dome and upended Syracuse 38-31. Those two upsets combined to create the first three-way tie for the championship in the conference's six-year history. Each team finished with a 6-1 record.

The Big East had four representatives in postseason play. Virginia Tech lost to Nebraska in the Orange Bowl and West Virginia bowed to North Carolina in the Gator. But Syracuse extended its bowl winning streak to eight, beating Houston in the Liberty, while Miami topped Virginia in the Carquest.

Miami and Syracuse shape up as the league's top two title contenders. Each team has a highly productive offense and a reconstructed, quality defense. The race again could come down to the regular-season finale on November 29, when Miami hosts Syracuse.

West Virginia, the Big East champion in 1993, could be ready for another serious challenge. But it must play at Syracuse as well as at Miami. Virginia Tech has numerous holes to plug on both sides of the ball after winning a school-record 10 regular-season games.

Syracuse's Donovan McNabb, the 1996 Big East co-Offensive Player of the Year, and Miami's Ryan Clement are two of the nation's finest quarterbacks. Both ranked among the top dozen in passing efficiency last season. McNabb was also one of the Big East's top 10 rushers. In fact, eight leading running backs return with him, making tailback a well-stocked position league-wide.

The Big East has two new coaches: Walt Harris at Pittsburgh and Tom O'Brien at Boston College. The Panthers could be improved, but lingering fallout from a betting scandal could haunt the Eagles. Rutgers should be a bit better in Terry O'Shea's second year at the helm. Temple continues to struggle, though, and must replace record-setting quarterback Henry Burris.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Donovan McNabb,
QB, Syracuse

DEFENSE:

Henry Slay,
DL, West Virginia

NEWCOMER:

Damione Lewis,
DT, Miami

GAMES TO WATCH

West Virginia at Miami,
September 27

Miami at Virginia Tech,
November 8

Syracuse at Miami,
November 29

MIAMI

Can the Hurricanes develop a strong defense to go with their high-powered offense? Third-year coach Butch Davis thinks so. "We have a chance to be very talented on defense," he said, despite the loss of all but three starters. Seven starters return to an offense that averaged 411.6 yards and 30.6 points per game as Miami went 9-3 and finished No. 14 in the nation. The Hurricanes earned a share of the Big East championship by upsetting Syracuse 38-31 in the Carrier Dome.

Davis is reshaping his defense around end Denny Fortney, tackle Michael Lawson, and cornerback Duane Starks. They are holdovers from a unit that allowed 280.8 yards and 17.5 points per game. Tackle Chad Pegues, linebackers Rod Mack and Jeffrey Taylor, and strong safety Dennis Scott logged eight

PREDICTIONS

1. Miami
2. Syracuse
3. West Virginia
4. Virginia Tech
5. Pittsburgh
6. Boston College
7. Rutgers
8. Temple



Jammie German, Miami

starts among them. Others likely to fill regular roles are end Derrick Ham, freshman tackle Damione Lewis, linebacker

Michael Smith, cornerback Nate Brooks, and free safety Eugene Ridgley.

Offensively, Ryan Clement is the latest in Miami's long line of outstanding quarterbacks. He passed for 2,257 yards and 19 touchdowns, and has completed 62 percent of his passes in his last 17 starts. Split end Magic Benton (38 catches for 547 yards) is back, along with 1995 all-star flanker Jammie German (41-730 in '95), who missed last season after knee surgery. Dyrall McMillan (565 yards), soph Edgerrin James, and Trent Jones lead a deep corps of running backs. Carlo Joseph beat out Nick Williams at fullback.

Tight end Chris Jones is a fine blocker and a clutch receiver. Returning with him up front are Mike Wehner, Richard Mercier, and Kerlin Blaise. Wehner has moved from guard to center, where he started seven games. Blaise is an all-star candidate at tackle, with Mercier at guard. Tackle J. Johnson and guard Carlos Callejas are new starters. Soph Andy Crosland again will handle both the punting and placekicking.

SYRACUSE

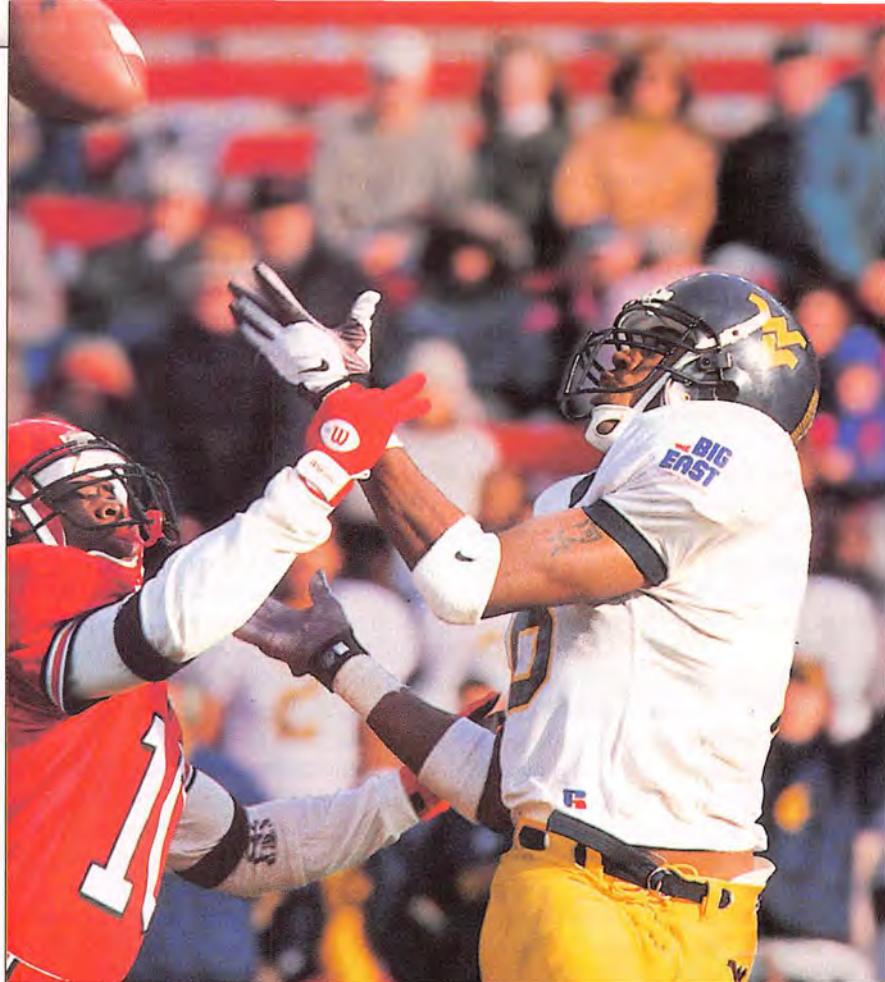
Losing the regular-season finale 38-31 at home to Miami had to be crushing for the Orangemen. It cost them sole possession of the Big East championship and an alliance bowl bid. But Syracuse bounced back to cap another 9-3 record with a 30-17 victory over Houston in the Liberty Bowl. Donovan McNabb, one of the country's top quarterbacks,

returns, along with seven other starters from an offense that averaged 402.4 yards and 37 points per game. But head coach Paul Pasqualoni, 51-18-1 in six seasons, faces major rebuilding on defense.

McNabb was the conference co-Offensive Player of the Year after he amassed 2,234 yards passing and rushing. The versatile junior drives opposing defenses crazy. Rob Konrad (363 yards) returns at fullback, with Kyle McIntosh and Dee Brown succeeding the departed Malcolm Thomas at tailback. Jim Turner (20 catches for 383 yards) is a speedy wideout. Kick returner Darryl Daniel, Kevin Johnson, and Quinton Spotwood are other experienced receivers. Roland Williams and Kaseem Sinceno will share tight end. Tackle Brad Patkochis and guard Brent Warren are holdover starters in the line. Cory Bowen is the new center, with sophs Mark Baniewicz and John Wellington competing at the other guard. Stephen Brominski will also see action.

Two all-stars, safety Donovan Darius and linebacker Antwaune Ponds, are key cogs on defense. End Jason Walters, the only returning regular up front, will be joined by Dwayne Morgan. Jeff Danish, Derrick Corley, and Brian Coleman are experienced tackles. Morlon Greenwood and Stan Gibbs move into starting spots at linebacker with Ponds. Rod Gadson remains at one corner in the secondary, with Phil Nash starting at the other. Converted tailback Tebucky Jones probably will be opposite Darius at safety. Soph placekicker Nate Trout could also handle the punting.

Antwaune Ponds, Syracuse



David Saunders, West Virginia

WEST VIRGINIA

The Mountaineers expect to challenge for a second Big East championship. Twenty-three players with starting experience return from a team that lost four of five games after a 7-0 beginning. Coach Don Nehlen, however, was encouraged by a strong showing in the 20-13 Gator Bowl loss to 10th-ranked North Carolina. He has the best set of running backs in his 18 years in Morgantown. The reconstructed defense isn't likely to match last year's No. 1 ranking, but it will be among the nation's elite again.

This could be the year West Virginia has two 1,000-yard rushers. Sophomore

Amos Zereoue (1,035) was the Big East Rookie of the Year. Speedy Curtis Keaton, back from a bout with meningitis, is equally talented. Senior Khari Mott has game-breaking capability. Senior Leroy White returns at fullback. The quarterback will be new, with sophs Marc Bulger and JaJuan Seider competing for the job. All-Big East flanker David Saunders remains the league's top receiver (76 catches for 1,043 yards). Shawn Foreman (25-415) starts at split end. The line is much improved with tackles Sam Austin and Solomon Page, guards Bryan Pukenas and Steve Ford, and center Eric de Groh.

ALL-BIG EAST TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	Donovan McNabb	JR	Syracuse
RB	Omari Walker	SR	Boston College
RB	Amos Zereoue	SO	West Virginia
RB	Ken Oxendine	JR	Virginia Tech
WR	Jammi German	SR	Miami
WR	David Saunders	JR	West Virginia
TE	Chris Jones	SR	Miami
OL	Scott Kiernan	JR	Syracuse
OL	Kerlin Blaise	SR	Miami
OL	Gennaro Napoli	SR	Virginia Tech
OL	Reggie Thomas	SR	Pittsburgh
OL	Bryan Pukenas	JR	West Virginia
PK	Shayne Graham	SO	Virginia Tech

DEFENSE

DL	Henry Slay	SR	West Virginia
DL	Denny Fortney	SR	Miami
DL	Kerwin Hairston	SR	Virginia Tech
DL	John Thornton	JR	West Virginia
LB	Antwaune Ponds	Sr	Syracuse
LB	Aaron Brady	JR	Rutgers
LB	Rod Humphrey	SR	Pittsburgh
DB	Donovin Darius	SR	Syracuse
DB	Duane Starks	SR	Miami
DB	Shalom Tolefree	SR	Boston College
DB	Lamond Adams	JR	Temple
P	Jason Malecki	JR	Boston College

BIG EAST

End Bob Baum, tackles Henry Slay and John Thornton, linebacker Jason Williams, and cornerback Perlo Bastien helped the Mountaineers limit opponents to 217.5 yards and under 13 points a game. That unit ranked in the top five in the nation in four major defensive categories and tied for second in turnover margin. Sack-minded Gary Stills replaces consensus All-America Canute Curtis at rush linebacker. John Hadley, Damon Cogdell, and Jamie Sweeney are inside linebackers. Joining Bastien in the nearly new secondary will be Greg Hernandez or Kerry Siverand and safeties Barrett Green and Gary Thompkins.

VIRGINIA TECH

The Hokies have won 20 of their last 22 games. In the process, they captured one Big East championship outright and tied Miami and Syracuse for another. They have also made four consecutive bowl appearances and finished in the top 25 national rankings each time. Last fall, Tech averaged 31.7 points and 417 yards in posting a 10-2 record. It became the first Big East team to defeat Miami in the Orange Bowl, 21-7, since the conference's inception in 1991.

Shayne Graham, Virginia Tech



Frank Beamer, the Big East Coach of the Year in 1995-96, has huge holes to fill on both sides of the ball. Gone are seven regulars on offense, including star quarterback Jim Druckenmiller, and six on defense. Junior Al Clark will succeed Druckenmiller, who passed for 2,071 yards and was the Big East co-Offensive Player of the Year. All-conference tailback Ken Oxendine (890 yards, 13 TDs) and flanker Shawn Scales (30 catches for 510 yards) return in the backfield. Marcus Parker (467 yards) is the starting fullback. With the loss of All-America Billy Conaty, Todd Washington has moved from guard to center. Guard Gennaro DiNapoli is the only other holdover starter on offense. Michael Stuewe moves up at split end, with Pedro Edison or Greg Myers at tight end. Tackles Derek Smith and William Flowers and guard Dwight Vick likely will round out the line.

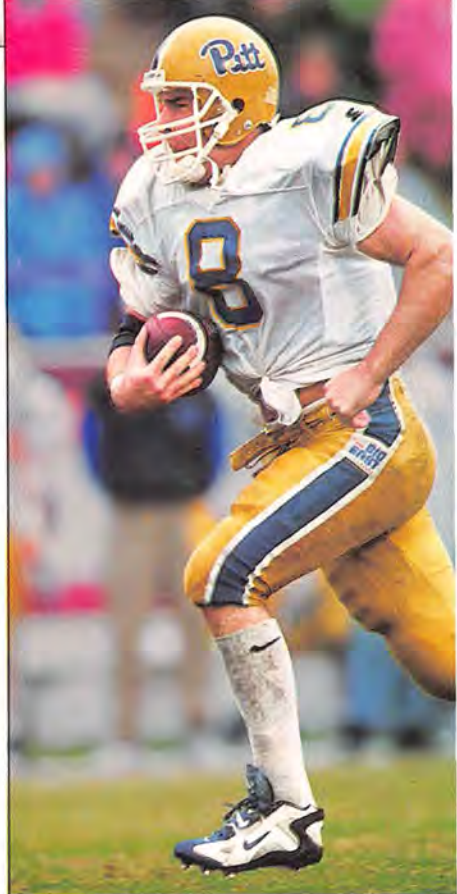
Returning regulars on defense are end John Engelberger, tackle Kerwin Hairston, linebacker Steve Tate, cornerback Loren Johnson, and rover Pierson Prioleau. End Danny Wheel, tackle Brad Baylor, linebacker Jamel Smith, and cornerback Anthony Midget have experience. Tackle Carl Bradley and free safety Keion Carpenter also loom large in the rebuilding.

Shayne Graham, all-Big East as a freshman, will do most of the placekicking again. Jimmy Kibble handles kick-offs and the punting.

PITTSBURGH

Walt Harris is trying to put a long-lost roar back into the panting Panthers, who went 4-7 last fall and have had just one winning season in the 1990s. He has installed the west coast offense and a "mad dog" defense since taking over the reins from Johnny Majors last December. Harris, a former head coach at the University of the Pacific, came to Pittsburgh after serving as an assistant at Ohio State.

Pete Gonzalez likely will start at quarterback ahead of Matt Lytle, who passed for 1,249 yards last year. Dwayne Schulters (553 yards), Billy West (644), and soph fullback Greg Bethea make running back a team strength. Jake Hoffart (39-667-5) heads a promising young group of receivers that also includes Melvin Porter, Ramel Tigget, and converted cornerback Rasshad Whitmill. John Jones and Kirk McMullen are experienced tight ends. Mike Schultz and Justin Wade will join three senior stalwarts—center Reggie Thomas, tackle Tony Orlandini, and



Matt Lytle, Pittsburgh

guard Jon Marzoch—up front.

Harris is preparing an aggressive, attacking type of defense. Juniors Marlin Young and Kenny Pegram and sophomore Demond Gibson are the leading linemen. Rod Humphrey, Phillip Clarke, and Ken Kashubara will spearhead the linebacking. Senior Ernest Coakley was the team's third-leading tackler last season. Seniors John Jenkins and Curtis McGhee anchor the secondary, where Chuck Brown moves to a starting role.

Chris Ferencik returns as the placekicker, with Grant Coffield the new punter.

BOSTON COLLEGE

Dan Henning resigned after a 5-7 record and gambling allegations involving some B.C. players. Tom O'Brien, the former offensive coordinator at Virginia, takes over on the Eagles' sidelines. He inherited 18 returning starters, and is confident he can turn around a program that has struggled through seven losing seasons in the past decade.

He has the luxury of two experienced quarterbacks. Senior Matt Haselbeck and junior Scott Mutryn combined for 2,503 yards passing on 221 completions in 439 attempts. Junior Dennis Harding (42 catches for 444 yards) and soph Anthony DiCosmo (36-632) head the receiving corps. All-star can-

didate Omari Walker, the Big East's top rusher (1,199 yards), also excels as a receiver (32-187). Mike Cloud and soph Quinton Lee are other holdover running backs. Todd Pollack (22-249) and Scott Dragos return at tight end. The offensive line should be strong with guard Doug Brzezinski as the cornerstone. Center Damien Woody, tackles Darnell Alford and Noah LaRose, and guard Andy Mitcham have starting experience.

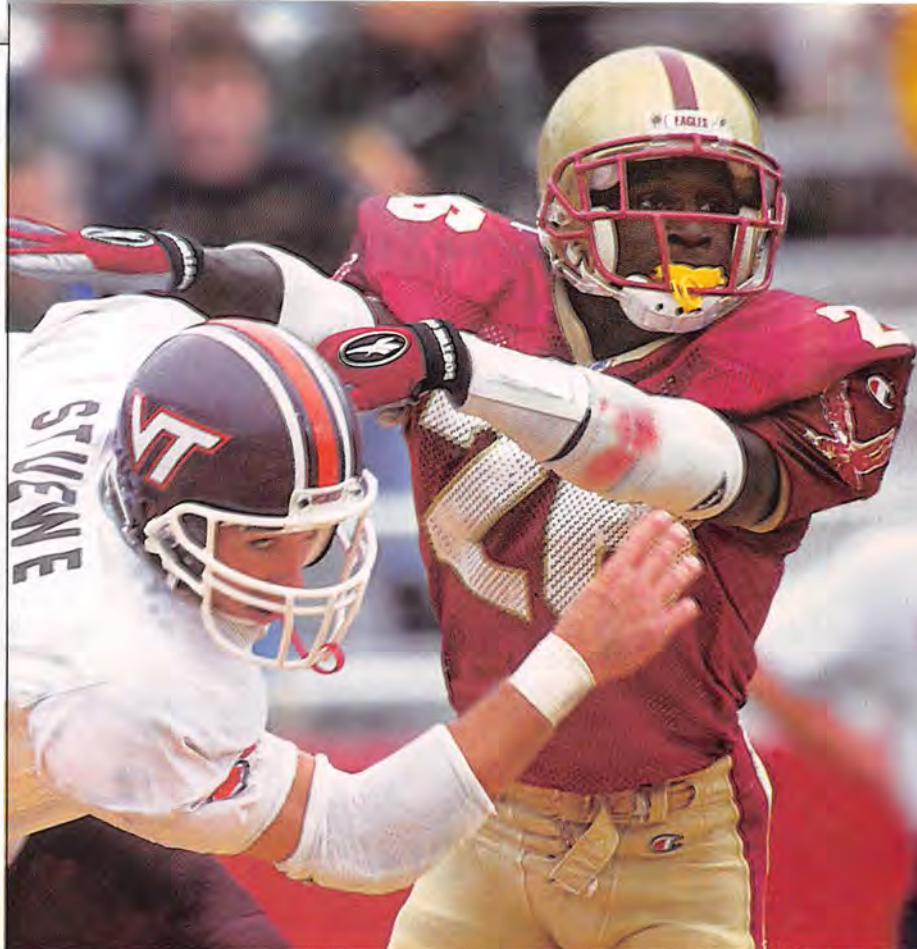
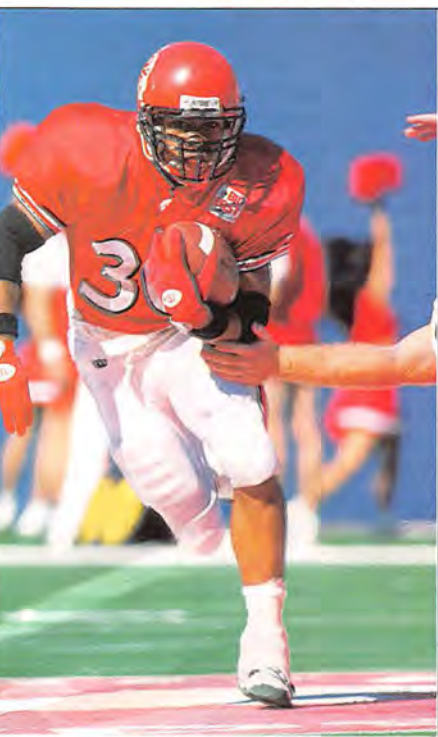
End Erik Storz, linebacker Markell Blount, and cornerback Shalom Tolefree are the heart of the Eagles' defense. End Chris Hovan, tackle Mike Willetts, and backs Pedro Cirino, Tim Davis, and George White loom large in O'Brien's reconstruction. Juniors Greg Fisher and Dan Collins bolster the defensive front. Linebackers returning with Blount include Brian Maye, Bobby Edmonds, Jermaine Monk, and soph Ryan Reckley. Jason Malecki is the Big East's top returning punter (43.1). Placekicker John Matich has a strong, accurate leg.

RUTGERS

The Scarlet Knights will have a young offense to go with a mature defense this fall. Coach Terry Shea is also counting on immediate help from a 1997 recruiting class that is rated among the Big East's best. He's hopeful that Rutgers can improve on last year's 2-9 record, now that 39 lettermen have had more than a year to learn the new systems he has installed.

Sophomore Mike Jones takes over at quarterback after a redshirt season. Shea personally groomed Jones for the job.

Jacki Crooks, Rutgers



Shalom Tolefree, Boston College

Reggie Funderbunk, coming back from knee surgery, should bolster the receiving corps. He caught 54 passes for 546 yards in 1995. Steve Harper (25 catches for 321 yards) and Andy Holland (20-288) return, as does veteran center Jack McKiernan. Tackles Kerry Ware and Pete Donnelly and guard Ben French have some starting experience. Soph Jacki Crooks (268 yards) will share tailback duty with senior Joe Diggs. Gary Fautleroy is at fullback. Clint Hunt, Shaun O'Hara, and Randy Smith are returning line prospects.

Seven starters form a strong nucleus for Shea's 4-3 defense: ends Chris Cebula and Charles Woolridge (who's shifting to tackle), outside linebacker Norris Crawford, inside linebackers Taman Bryant and Aaron Brady, and backs Thomas Kelly and Peter Clarke. Inside linebacker Brian Sheridan, who missed the '96 season after shoulder surgery, is a two-year starter who logged 132 tackles in 1995. Outside linebackers Roger Wingate and Gil Ross, cornerbacks Kevin Williams and Peter Clarke, and safety Shin Black have limited experience.

TEMPLE

Despite a four-year record of 5-39, coach Ron Dickerson believes his program is making progress. The Owls finished 1-10 for the third time in

four years, but four of their losses were by a combined total of just 10 points. "Without question, we have improved to the point where we are competitive much deeper into our games," Dickerson said.

Dickerson's biggest concern is finding a replacement for quarterback Henry Burris, who set 20 school and 10 Big East records. Junior Pat Bonner is the probable new starter, with Charles Andrews and Eric White as backups. Tailback Ramod Lee (526 yards, 10 touchdowns) and fullback Brent Johnstone return. All-Big East wideout Van Johnson has graduated, but Troy Kersey is back and Kevin Walker, who broke his collarbone in the '96 opener, is healthy. Wendell Davis and Shawn Overocker are solid at tight end. The offensive line returns intact: tackles Roger Chanoine and Damien Grant, guards Scott Oster and Charlie Morris, and center Jeff Fiss.

Cornerbacks Lamond Adams and Tom Indio rejoin safeties Marcus Counts and Excel Lucas in a veteran secondary that is the Owls' chief defensive strength. Decara Burgess and nose tackle Larry Chester are key cogs at linebacker, but Keith Kerrin, the team's second-leading tackler, will be missed. Linemen Peppi Pichette, Terrence Matthews, and John James add experience.

EAST INDEPENDENTS

The Army/Navy game last year was one for the books.

BY BILL HELLER

Remember when the Army-Navy football game elicited a long yawn and a frantic search for the remote? Not last year. "We both knew we had good football teams going into the game," Navy coach Charlie Weatherbie said. "There weren't any tickets available anywhere. They were sold out since July."

It was worth the wait. Army staged the biggest comeback in the 97-game series history, winning 28-24 by stopping Navy eight times inside the 10-yard line in the final four minutes. The victory was Army's fifth straight vs. Navy and gave the Cadets a school record 10 wins. Each team followed up with outstanding games. Navy won the Aloha Bowl 42-38 over California, while another Army comeback came up just short in a 32-29 loss to heavily favored Auburn in the Independence Bowl.

Army (10-2) nonetheless got its first season-ending national ranking since 1985: 24th in the *USA Today/CNN* Coaches poll and 25th in the AP. Navy finished 9-3.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Chris McCoy,
QB, Navy

DEFENSE:

Joe Sachitano,
LB, Army

NEWCOMER:

Rashad Jones,
DB, Navy

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NAVY

Coach Charlie Weatherbie was rewarded for his outstanding season with a 10-year contract. "I'm making a commitment," he said. "These are the type of young men I want to work with."

He just wishes there were more of them from last year. Only five starters are back on offense, none more crucial than senior quarterback Chris McCoy, who rushed for 1,228 yards and 16 touchdowns and passed for 759 yards and six TDs. His top target is senior wideout LeBron Butts. Senior fullback Tim Cannada and senior slotback

Demetrius Perry, Army

Patrick McGrew will keep defenses from zeroing in on the passing game. The interior line is all-senior: guards J.D. Gainey and David Loya flanking third-year starting center Brian Drechsler.

Seven starters return on defense: junior tackle Jason Snider, senior ends Michael Ogden and Denis Kane, senior linebackers Travis Cooley and Jason Coffey, and senior safeties Gervy Alota and Kevin Lewis. Joining the secondary is the highly recruited Rashad Jones from Atlanta, who chose Navy over North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia Tech, and Georgia.

ARMY

Bob Sutton, the 1996 Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year, returns just seven starters. Seniors Jeff Enck and Dave Beard are back to open holes for a trio of talented backs who helped shape Army's enormous rushing edge (346.5 yards to opponents' 89.0) last year. The Cadets' wishbone attack led the country in rushing for the second time in four seasons. Fullbacks Joe Hewitt and Demetrius Perry combined for 1,312 yards. Bobby Williams added 611 yards. Army lost its top four receivers. Senior quarterback Adam Thompson replaces three-year starter Ronnie McAda.

Three starters return from a defense that ranked ninth nationally against the run: senior inside linebacker and leading tackler Joe Sachitano, junior end Larry Angles, and senior back Robert Brown. The Cadets will end their 108-year football history as an independent when they join Conference USA in 1998.

PREDICTIONS

1. Navy
2. Army
3. Buffalo
4. Hofstra

BUFFALO

The Bulls, who will jump up to I-A by joining the Mid-American Conference in 1999, had their first winning season (8-3) in a decade. "We're moving in the right direction," said Craig Cirbus, the Division I-AA Independent Coach of the Year.

Senior tailback Anthony Swan is always moving in the right direction. He rushed for 1,117 yards, more than half the team total, and caught 16 passes for 172 yards. Three wide receivers return: senior Jamie Gasparre, junior Kali Watkins, and sophomore Drew Haddad. Soph Erik Rusin, redshirt freshman Billy Feldmaier, and New Mexico State transfer Chad Salisbury will compete at quarterback. The line returns sophomores Joe Hattendorf and Mike Garofalo.

The defense features senior linemen Keith Hansen and Hardy Mitchell, soph linebacker Dan Curcione, and Temple transfer Ted McDuffie in the secondary.

HOFSTRA

After a 10-1 season in 1995, last year's 5-6 record was hard to comprehend. The Flying Dutchmen were fifth in the nation in rushing defense (94.0) and sixth in scoring defense (12.5), but produced 10 points or less six times. Juniors Paul Que and Jimmy Jones return to a backfield still searching for a leader. Sophomores Corey Joyce and Giovanni Carmazzi and junior Art Asselta will be pushed at quarterback by Kelly Washington, the Virginia High School Player of the Year. Seniors Bryan Kish and Jauron McKelvin are talented targets. Guard DeMingo Graham keys the line. Senior kicker/punter David Ettinger is Hofstra's all-time leading scorer.

The defense returns senior safeties Lance Schulters and Raheem Morris and junior cornerback Cedric Johnson. Freshman tackle Ed Galan joins veterans Ali Brown, Tyree Allison, and converted offensive lineman Jim Magda on the defensive front.

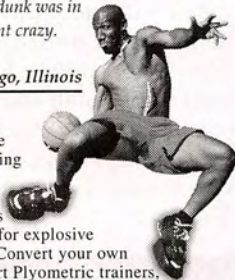


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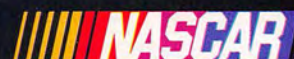
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IVY LEAGUE

Penn is mightier this season in the unpredictable league race.

BY CHUCK NEWMAN
PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Last season was an atypical one for the Ivy League, with perennial powers Penn and Princeton relegated to also-ran status, annual afterthoughts Brown and Columbia playing a big role in dictating the final standings, and Dartmouth becoming only the eighth team in league history to go undefeated.

This season could be more unpredictable. For openers, with Carm Cozza stepping down for Jack Siedlecki, Yale will have a new coach for the first time in 32 years. Princeton will play its entire schedule on the road while a new stadium is being built. And Columbia and Brown again figure to be legitimate factors in the league race after playing spoiler roles last fall.

Penn appears to have recovered from its quarterback problem, but Princeton's recovery is more dubious since the Tigers won't be playing any home games at Palmer Stadium for the first time since 1914. One of their home games—against Yale—will be at Giants Stadium. Siedlecki, who has had success at Amherst and Worcester Poly, faces a formidable task since Yale has not made the league's top echelon in six years.

PREDICTIONS

1. Penn
2. Harvard
3. Princeton
4. Dartmouth
5. Columbia
6. Cornell
7. Brown
8. Yale

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Sean Morey,
WR, Brown

DEFENSE:

Mitch Marrow,
DL, Penn

NEWCOMER:

Matt Rader,
QB, Penn

GAMES TO WATCH

Colgate at Cornell,
September 27

Holy Cross at
Columbia,
October 11

Rhode Island at
Brown, October 18

Penn at Harvard,
November 15

Harvard at Yale,
November 22

Princeton at
Dartmouth,
November 22

PENN

When quarterback Mark DeRosa suddenly signed a pro baseball contract with the Atlanta Braves prior to last season, the Quakers buckled, finishing last in the league in passing offense. Now comes Duke transfer Matt Rader, who started seven games for the Blue Devils and completed 85 of 150 passes for 905 yards and five touchdowns. There are still questions at running back, where all-Ivy Jasen Scott, who rushed for 119.3 yards per game, graduated. Junior Jason McGee is the leading candidate for the job.

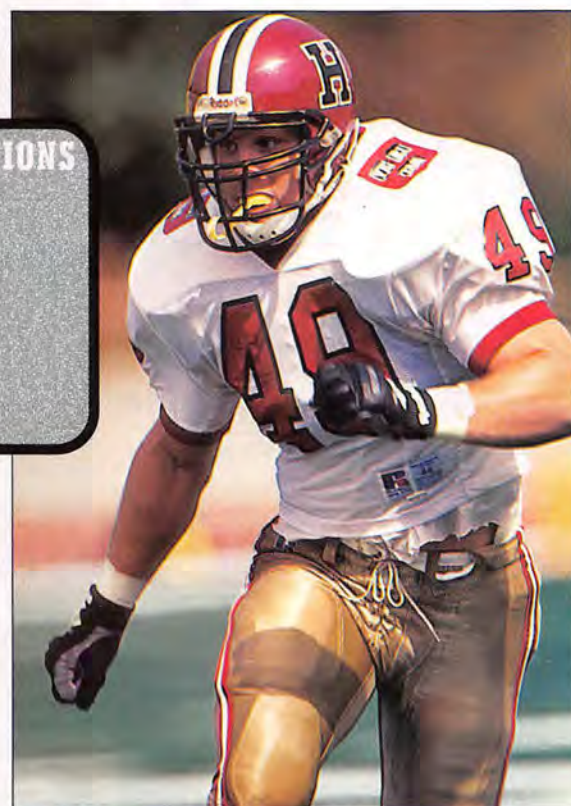
The Quakers' hopes lie with the defense, which will be headed by 6-5, 280-pound end Mitch Marrow, who set school records with 16.5 sacks and 13 tackles for losses last fall. The secondary returns intact, led by second-team all-league safety John Bishop, who had five interceptions.

HARVARD

The first league game, against Columbia, should be an indicator of how the season will turn out for Harvard. If the Crimson can fill the void created by the departure of Eion Hu (3,073 yards, 26 TDs), the school's all-time leading rusher, and soph quarterback Rich Linden can build off a promising freshman season (58.6 percent completion rate), Harvard will be a factor in the Ivy League race. Linden has a prime target in Colby Skelton, who had 49 catches last fall and 103 in his career, just five short

of the school career record set by Pat McNally. The line should be strong with the return of two-year starter Matt Birk and senior Dave Elliott.

The defensive front is solid. All eight members of the two-deep roster return, led by second-team all-league ends Chris Smith and Tim Fleiszer. They are backed up by an experienced linebacking corps headed by Isaiah Kacyvenski, the Ivy Rookie of the Year, and a deep secondary that features four-year starter Jeff Compas.



Isaiah Kacyvenski, Harvard

PRINCETON

There were signs going into last season that there would be problems: questions at quarterback, inexperience on the offensive line, and the decimation of the defensive line by graduation. The problems materialized in a 3-7 finish, sixth in the Ivy, a very unfamiliar position for coach Steve Tosches. Those issues have been addressed. The problem this season is that the Tigers will play their entire schedule away from home.

Princeton, which used three quarterbacks last season, appears set at the position with the return of Harry Nakielny, who was part of a league-leading two-man rotation in 1995 before taking a year off. John Burnham and Jackie Dempsey are ready just in case. Sophomores Damien Taylor, coming off knee surgery, and Gerald Giurato are the leading candidates at running back. Mike Clifford is the fullback. The line is led by Hamin Abdullah and Bernard Marczyk, the first freshmen ever to start on the O-line at Princeton.

Defensively, the Tigers look solid with Mark

Whaling, honorable mention all-league, and Griff King. Watch for incoming John Riveche, a heavily recruited Division I lineman. The linebacking may be the strength of the team. Tim Greene led the Tigers in tackles. Senior Damani Leech, a two-time unanimous all-Ivy selection, heads a deep secondary.

DARTMOUTH

To repeat as Ivy League champions, the Big Green likely will have to depend on defense. There are two all-league performers on the unit: linebacker Zach Walz and safety Lloyd Lee, who had a school-record seven interceptions last fall. Walz returns as a third-year starter after leading the team with 111 tackles and five sacks. Only three starters return on offense, where the biggest loss is second-team all-league quarterback Jon Aljancic, who led the league in passing efficiency (60.4 completion rate).

If defense is the team's strength, it will get a boost from perhaps the league's best kickers: Dave Regula (14 field goals) and Wayne Schlobohm, who averaged 37.9 yards per punt and was especially effective in dropping the ball inside the 20-yard line.

COLUMBIA

The Lions are coming off an 8-2 season and a second-place finish in the league. Long gone are the days when Columbia was a staple of ESPN's

Roy Hanks, Columbia



SportsCenter for its losing ways.

"We're at the point where we've caught up to some people," said coach Ray Tellier, Division I-AA's Coach of the Year. "The next step is to establish a winning tradition."

That will have to be done without one of the key ingredients to Columbia's success, 6-5, 270-pound Marcellus Wiley, who has moved on to the NFL. Also gone from the league's top defensive team is all-Ivy linebacker Rory Wilfork. But there are replacements, headed by all-league cornerback Roy Hanks, and some players who showed promise last season, such as linemen Matt Kuhn, Rashaan Curry, Ben Woods, and Jim Armstrong. Starting linebackers Jeremy Taylor, who was third on the team in tackles (91), and Erik Huntley return.

Bobby Thomason, who played hurt much of last season but had big games against Cornell and Brown, will be the quarterback. Jason Bivens, who had a school-record 239 carries last fall, is the key to the running game.

CORNELL

The first orders of business will be to settle on a quarterback and find a replacement for Chad Levitt, who was poised to be the most productive running back in league history before an injury sidelined him late in the season. Also missing is all-Ivy defensive lineman Seth Payne. He and Levitt were invited to the NFL combine in February. But the Big Red, the only team in the league to finish in the top echelon in each of the past seven years, should be in the race again since 18 starters return.

Senior quarterback Scott Carroll completed 125 of 262 attempts for 1,583 yards and nine touchdowns. Junior Mike Hood backs him up. Senior Brad Kiesendahl, who had 130 yards in his first varsity start in the last game of 1996, and junior Terry Smith, the team's No. 2 rusher in 1994 and '95, are Levitt's successors. The entire secondary returns, led by safety Chris Allen, the team's second-leading tackler. Junior John Hanson, a second-team all-Ivy linebacker, leads a group that may be the team's strong point.

BROWN

There are plenty of weapons left, but how the Bruins fill in for the team's all-time leading passer, Jason McCullough, and all-time leading rusher, Marquis Jessie, will tell the story. And



Lloyd Lee, Dartmouth

don't forget the loss of All-America tight end Paul Choquette. That trio had Brown in the league race until two games before the end of last season.

"Despite the fact that we've lost several significant players, our program is headed in the right direction," said Brown coach Mark Whipple.

That may be easier said than done, even with the return of 14 starters. Brown still has all-Ivy, and former Rookie of the Year, receiver Sean Morey, who set a school single-season record with 939 receiving yards last fall, solid fullback Mike Wall (4.9 yards per carry), a speedy wideout in Gordon Nangmenyi, and an experienced offensive line, headed by all-Ivy tackle Dan McClutchy. Defensively, there are some holes to fill, but linebacker Joe Karcutskie and strong safety Rocky Parson are the top players.

YALE

Jack Siedlecki, the 1996 American Football Coaches Association District I Coach of the Year while at Amherst, will have a big task in building the Eli into league contention. His first job will be to find a quarterback. Both starters from last year graduated, leaving only senior Ben Steinberg with any experience. The running game could also be questionable if Jabbar Craigwell (456 yards) can't shake the injury bug.

Defensively, the Eli return six regulars, led by honorable mention all-Ivy Isaiah Wilson, who had eight sacks and 20 tackles for losses last season. Jim Smith and Adam Hernandez rejoin him on the line. Todd Scott, who had 92 tackles, second-best for Yale, heads the linebackers.

PATRIOT LEAGUE

Colgate reached into its past to insure future success.

BY ED LAUBACH
EASTON EXPRESS-TIMES

The 1990s have not been kind to Colgate. The Red Raiders have sent 58 of their athletes to the National Football League over the years. But the program bottomed out with an 0-11 season in 1995, prompting the school to reach into its glorious past. Fred Dunlap, the Red Raiders' head coach for 12 seasons, was lured out of retirement to be offensive coordinator and coach the quarterbacks. Dick Biddle, who served under Dunlap for six years before stints at Virginia Tech, Minnesota, and Navy, was promoted to head coach in the wake of Colgate's first and only winless team in 106 seasons.

The Red Raiders are back. After losing their first four games of '96—extending their losing streak to 16 games over three seasons—Biddle and Dunlap inserted freshman Ryan Vena at quarterback, and the Raiders won their next six games. They played Bucknell for the Patriot League championship in the finale, losing by a point in overtime.

Colgate faces a stiff challenge from defending champion Bucknell and perennial contenders Lehigh and Lafayette. Towson State is the new player as a first-year league member in football only. It lost to Bucknell and Colgate last fall, finishing 6-4. For the first time, the league gets an automatic Division I-AA playoff berth.

PREDICTIONS

1. Colgate
2. Lehigh
3. Lafayette
4. Bucknell
5. Towson State
6. Holy Cross
7. Fordham

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Rabih Abdullah,
TB, Lehigh

DEFENSE:

Dan Bengale,
LB, Lafayette

NEWCOMER:

Chad Blackburn,
DB, Bucknell

GAMES TO WATCH

Lehigh at Colgate,
October 4

Colgate at Lafayette,
October 11

Lafayette at Lehigh,
November 22

COLGATE

Colgate was the Patriot League's best in every offensive category except passing last year. Quarterback Ryan Vena completed 62 percent of his throws for 1,330 yards and 12 touchdowns. He has an ability to improvise when a play breaks down. The Colorado native was named the league's Most Valuable Player and Rookie of the Year. Vena is only the third freshman in NCAA Division I history to be named a league MVP, joining Stanford Jennings of Furman and Herschel Walker of Georgia.

Vena gets to perform behind an experienced line, anchored by 305-pound tackle Tim Girard and guards Luke George and Paul Clasby. Wide receiver Corey Hill (50-826) was the team's offensive MVP and the league's leading scorer. While the Raiders lost tailback Rich Caravetta, the league's offensive MVP, fifth-year senior Daymon Smith is a two-time second-team all-league choice who rushed for 598 yards last fall.

The defensive line, with all-league end Blair Hicks back as a fifth-year senior, is another strength. Converted tailback Jamal Patterson, a fifth-year senior, had an outstanding season at strong safety. He will be surrounded by new starters in the secondary. The Raiders will miss inside linebacker Adam Sofran, the league's leading tackler. They need to shore up their kicking game. Colgate missed numerous extra points early in the season and every field goal attempt over 30 yards.

LEHIGH

The Engineers are unsettled between Seka Edwards and Phil Stambaugh at quarterback and have three new faces in the secondary around free safety Sam Brinley. Stambaugh, a sophomore, started the last four games of '96 and rallied the Engineers past Lafayette in the finale, college football's most-played rivalry. Edwards took over for Aaron Brown four games into the season and lasted three games until a shoulder injury forced him to the sideline. Still, Lehigh led the league in passing for the eighth straight year.

Leading rusher Brian Baker (1,004 yards) moves from tailback to flanker to make room for Rabih Abdullah's return from knee surgery. Abdullah went down in last year's opener. His 2,471 yards, including 1,536 yards in '95, rank him No. 2 on the school's rushing list. Split end Deron Braswell was the league's most productive receiver (65 catches for 1,135 yards).

The Engineers return five defensive starters: tackle David Merrifield, end Nick Martucci, linebackers Ian Eason and Drew Poppleton, and Brinley. Eason was a pleasant surprise, leading his team with 106 tackles as a freshman.

The Engineers' streak of leading the league in attendance five years in a row is probably over. Six of their first eight games are on the road.

LAFAYETTE

If defense wins championships, the Leopards could be hoisting their third pennant in six years. Outside linebacker Dan Bengale (6-5, 265) is a pro prospect. A two-time all-league pick, he was

Ryan Vena, Colgate



involved in 111 tackles last fall, 18 for losses. Craig Hansen returns at end and John Green at tackle. The secondary returns free safety Angel Colon and corners Derik Mesquita and Eddie Pailen.

Coach Bill Russo is looking for more offense, particularly from junior tailback Leonard Moore and the running game. "We have to be a lot more high-powered," he said. "We dipped offensively last year. We were breaking in new linemen. There will be no excuses with those guys this year." Center Damian Wroblewski is the most effective lineman. Russo considers this a critical year for Moore, the Rookie of the Year in '95, whose productivity dropped off last year. He rushed for 712 yards. "Leonard has to be at a point where he's a difference-maker," Russo said. "That's part of being the Lafayette tailback." The starting quarterback, either junior Matt Calhoun or sophomore Mike Palos, will not be determined until the season nears.

BUCKNELL

Coach Tom Gadd grew accustomed to that big-play feeling. During Rich Lemon's four years as an all-league running back, receiver, and returner, any play—broken or not—could put six points on the board. Hoping to squeeze another Lemon out of his program, Gadd shifted all-league cornerback Terence Parham to wide receiver. "We moved him because of his big-play capability," Gadd said. "He's been a great kick-return specialist here." Gadd, however, does not have a replacement yet for Jim Fox, his graduated quarterback.

The lines are virtually intact, which means senior Mariusz Misiec is back at offensive tackle and senior Hunter Adams returns at defensive end. Both are two-time all-league performers. Wide receiver is a plus with Ardie Kissinger, Ronnie Rockett, and Parham. In addition to having a new quarterback and tailback, the Bison are breaking in a new secondary. Chad Blackburn, a transfer from Ricks Junior College in Idaho, should be able to step right in at safety.

TOWSON STATE

The Maryland school, with alums Dave Meggett and Sean Landetta in the NFL, stopped giving football scholarships following consecutive 8-2 seasons in 1993 and '94. The Tigers, 6-4 in each of the last two seasons, find themselves in a new league and playing

two or three independent games a year against Ivy League schools.

Coach Gordy Combs returns nine defensive starters, including linebackers Jim Colongo, Jimmy Eulo, and Barrett Sullivan. Colongo led the team in tackles in 1995 and '96. The line, featuring ends Eric Erhardt and Dannie Ross, is big and mobile. Erhardt is a junior who has started since his freshman season. Eight offensive regulars include quarterback Kevin Smith, entering his third year as a starter, and all five interior linemen. The left-handed Smith passed for 2,299 yards and 11 touchdowns last fall. Tailback Jason Corle set a school freshman rushing record with 734 yards.

"Since announcing we were joining the Patriot League, our recruiting really picked up," Combs said. "In fact, this incoming freshman class is the best in my six years as head coach."

HOLY CROSS

With their multiple one-back offense, the Crusaders should have no trouble moving the ball with the passing game. Coach Dan Allen had the league's No. 2 passing attack, led by quarterback Dan Boland, who threw for 1,285 yards and nine touchdowns in the last five games in '96. He missed the beginning of the season with an elbow injury. Wideouts Jeff Laboranti (54-631) and Brian Hopkins (42-469) and tight end Bobby Andrews (44-389) ranked among the league's top six receivers. Tailback J.R. Walz, the team's leading rusher in each of the last three years, will operate behind a new line.

The Crusaders could have a serious problem stopping other teams. They allowed an average of 32 points per game. A season-ending 45-36 victory over Georgetown broke an eight-game losing streak. They lost most of their front seven, including all three linebackers, from a unit that ranked last in most categories. Tackle Dominic Blue, injured in the fourth game last fall, is the best of the linemen. A veteran secondary—safeties Barrett Doxsey and Antonio Harris and corners Sedrick Rogers and Robert Sewell—provides hope for Allen's rebuilding.

FORDHAM

The Rams, in their fourth season under coach Nick Quartaro, have yet to finish higher than fourth since beginning league play in 1990. They're 5-29 overall in the Patriot League. Improve-



J.R. Walz, Holy Cross

ment seems more than likely with 15 returning starters.

Four offensive linemen are back, led by all-league senior center Cory Bailey and guard Bart Grachan, a fifth-year senior. Versatile Larry Leith is the Rams' leading receiver among the returnees (27 catches) and the league's leading punt returner and fourth-best kickoff returner. He owns the Fordham marks for most career kickoff returns and return yards. The Rams are deep at wide receiver with James Simmons and Chris Aufiero. Quarterback Dan Madine appeared in nine games last fall with two starts, including the 28-0 victory over Holy Cross.

End Mike Shelley (6.5 sacks) is among three regulars back in the defensive line. The secondary is intact, but middle linebacker Jack Pieracini, the Patriot's No. 2 tackler, will be flanked by two new outside backers. Punter Barry Cantrell (40.8), the league's Scholar-Athlete, is a solid asset.

ATLANTIC 10

The former Yankee Conference sent three teams to the playoffs.

BY CHUCK NEWMAN
PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

The Atlantic 10 Football Conference, a 12-team league, was formerly known as the Yankee Conference, one of the nation's most successful I-AA football leagues. The Atlantic 10 includes two schools (Rhode Island and Massachusetts) that are members of the A-10 basketball league and two other schools (Villanova and Connecticut) that are playing basketball in the Big East Conference.

The name may have changed, but the Yankee Conference has been around for 50 years, last season putting seven teams, at one time or another, in the top 25 rankings and sending three teams to the I-AA playoffs. The new league is a marriage of convenience and politics. What it gives the Yankee Conference is an identity one step above its previous position. What it provides the Atlantic 10, known nationally for its basketball, is a voice in NCAA football decisions.

So, who needs the Atlantic 10 logo? Maybe not the two members of the Big East, which have floated rumors of going I-A in football. But Linda Bruno, the A-10 commissioner, isn't worrying about that. "With the NCAA restructuring, the ability [of the Atlantic 10] to be represented in football [decisions] was severely limited," she said. "And the Yankee Conference reached out for some new concepts."

One of those as yet to be determined concepts will be to get some league games on the Atlantic 10 TV network. The league will be composed of two six-team divisions, with each team playing an eight-game league schedule, five intra-division games, and three inter-division games.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Mike Cook,
QB, William & Mary

DEFENSE:

Frank Ferrara,
DL, Rhode Island

NEWCOMER:

Billy Jack Haskins,
QB, Rhode Island

GAMES TO WATCH

Connecticut
at Maine,
October 11

William & Mary
at Delaware,
November 1

Connecticut
at Delaware,
November 8

NEW ENGLAND DIVISION

MAINE

The dynamic passing combination of quarterback Mickey Fein and receiver Rameek Wright allows Maine the opportunity to repeat a seven-win season, only the 11th in the 105-year history of the program. Fein, a junior, threw for 1,955 yards last year and Wright set four school records, including receptions (79) and yards (1,143) in a season. Wright had TD receptions of 83, 69, and 66 yards. And defenses will not be able to key on him, since senior John Tennett and junior Drew O'Connor can also catch the ball. Running back is open after the departure of Andre Pam and Bob Jameson, who combined for over 3,900 yards the past two seasons. Sophomore Trey Johnson, who redshirted last fall after seeing limited action as a true freshman in 1995, is the heir apparent.

The Black Bears' defense should be solid with the return of nine starters who allowed nearly 100 fewer yards per game last season than their predecessors in 1995. Senior end Jon Gautier, who had 10 sacks last fall, is the standout in the unit.

CONNECTICUT

Skip Holtz is back for his fourth year, hoping to improve on a 5-6 mark in a season spiced with injuries, turnovers, and heartbreak. The Huskies lost each game by an average of six points.

UConn likely will depend on its passing game. Junior quarterback Shane Stafford threw for 2,330 yards and 17 touchdowns with only six interceptions last fall and ranked second in the league in passing efficiency. There will be balance in the attack as running backs Hezekiah Faison (569 yards) and Tory Taylor, the 1995 conference Rookie of the Year, also return. The line should be strong, led by 6-5, 306-pound all-league tackle TaVarr Closs.

The key for the Huskies figures to be an improved defense that features linebacker Brad Keatley, the team leader in tackles in each of the past two seasons, and nose guard Pat Russo.

RHODE ISLAND

Senior quarterback Chris Hixson is gone, taking 12 school records with him, so expect the focus of the Rams' offense to differ some this season. Kentucky transfer Billy Jack Haskins, who started 18 games for the Wildcats in the past two seasons, is the likely successor to Hixson. He has some good targets in soph Karim Gibson, junior Jason DeLawrence, and transfer Manny De-Sousa, who caught a school-record 128 passes last year at Santa Monica Junior College.

Senior end Frank Ferrara, who had 13 sacks, heads the defensive line. The linebacking unit, with returning seniors Ryan Carstens, Jared Elwell, and LaJhon Jones, is solid. Juniors Ron Iannotti and Shane Jacobs and soph Ramone Ellis anchor the secondary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The defending New England Division winners lost three key players from the conference's No. 2 offense, but the return of tailback Jerry

Jerry Azumah, New Hampshire





Khari Samuel, Massachusetts

Azumah, who ran for 118.9 yards per game, is a building block for another successful season. Complementing Azumah will be a major problem. Quarterback Chris Bresnahan, who passed for 2,249 yards and 17 touchdowns, and his two top receivers, Calvin Jones and Al Barrow, are gone. Soph Matt Cassano, who appeared in three games last fall, is the probable quarterback. Second-leading rusher Ryan Scottron has first dibs on the fullback position, with soph Dan Kreider also seeing time. The wideouts will be new, but tight end Jeff Tripp should be the main target this year.

The linebacking corps has lost its two top tacklers and its sack leader, but the defensive line is in better shape with the return of senior tackle Richard Clough, who was second on the squad in sacks. Tackle Matt Crispino is back from an injured knee. Senior Ben Pohopek also returns.

MASSACHUSETTS

Establishing a running game will be the key to the Minutemen's chances of achieving a fifth winning record in the last six years. But despite the loss of Frank Alessio and Ron Brockington, the return of junior Matt Jordan, who has nearly 1,000 yards in the past two seasons, and the presence of sophomore fullback Jamie Holston, who averaged 8.2 yards on just 36 carries last fall, provide optimism.

The quarterback position appears to be in good hands with sophomore Jeff Smith, who threw for 871 yards and seven touchdowns, and led the team to comeback victories over Richmond in overtime and UConn. Smith will have his two main receiving targets back: junior

Doug Clark (20 catches for 379 yards) and soph Raphael Quinn, who set a school freshman record with 12 receptions.

The Minutemen claim one of the premier linebacking crews in the league. Khari Samuel and Mike Dawson each had over 100 tackles, and Elvis Abellard returns to his natural position. Samuel led the team with six sacks and was third in the Yankee Conference last fall with 118 tackles. Mike Batelli and Mim Hill are shifting from end to tackle. Jeron Alston is staying put at the other end. Coach Mike Hodges has to replace three starters in his secondary, where only strong safety Jerard White returns.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Thirty-four lettermen return for second-year coach Tom Masella, who will need contributions from all of them to improve on a 1-10 record that saw the Terriers rank last in the conference in total offense, rushing offense, and scoring offense last season. Defensively, they were just as bad, giving up over 357 yards per game.

The quarterback situation is unsettled after spring drills. Sophomore Jason Barnett, who started the second half of the season, will be pushed by redshirt freshman Dave Pizzotti. The running game should be improved with the returns of starters Matt Atlak, who led the Terriers with 531 yards and two touchdowns, and Roger Harriott. Julian

Dale, the league's Rookie of the Year in 1994, will also be back after redshirting last fall. If the quarterback can get time, he will find capable targets, led by junior wideout Damon Mickel (44 catches). Soph Torrence Sanders could provide some big plays. He had 526 yards last season while fielding fewer than half of the team's kickoffs.

MID-ATLANTIC DIVISION

WILLIAM & MARY

The league's champion has enough firepower for an encore. The Tribe, coming off a 10-3 season which included two games in the NCAA playoffs, returns the nucleus of an attack that averaged more than 30 points and 400 yards per game.

Start with all-conference quarterback Mike Cook and tailback Alvin Porch—which is a pretty fair start. Cook completed 58 percent of his passes for 3,166 yards and 26 touchdowns and had a 148.6 passer rating. Porch ran up 1,210 yards, scored seven times, and caught 26 passes. Oh, and Rookie of the Year Dave Conklin is back at receiver. The offensive line suffered losses, but has experience, led by guard Dan Rossetini.

The defense, which ranked second in the nation last fall, may not be quite as good, but the return of all-league end Luke Cullinane (school-record 12 sacks), tackle

Mike Cook, William & Mary



ATLANTIC 10

Peter Coyne, and three-time all-league linebacker Jude Waddy, who had 123 tackles last season, points to success.

DELAWARE

Delaware's losses have been severe: former all-league quarterback Leo Hamlett, all-East tackle Chris Kumpon, All-America safety Kenny Bailey, and Norman Coleman, the school's No. 8 rusher. But coach Tubby Raymond, starting his 32nd season, is going after his sixth visit to the NCAA playoffs in seven years. He has plenty of talent to work with. And much of it will dictate more of a passing game that normally isn't the staple of the Blue Hens' offensive scheme. Courtney Batts and Eddie Conti combined for 90 catches, 1,715 yards, and 14 touchdowns a year ago. Either sophomore Brian Ginn, who impressed in a fourth-quarter playoff appearance against Marshall, or redshirt freshman Matt Nagy will run the offense.

The defense appears solid, especially at linebacker and in the secondary. The linebackers are led by all-conference pick Brian Smith, who will get help from former all-East Ralph D'Angelo (knee injury

Shawn Barber, Richmond



in 1996) and Denis Hulme, who has 13 career sacks. All-America candidate Dorrell Green is back at strong safety. He had seven interceptions last fall.

VILLANOVA

After turning it around last season, the Wildcats now look to keep the momentum. After three losing seasons, Villanova went 8-4 overall, 6-2 in the league, and into the NCAA playoffs. The return of 12 starters is a beginning for a repeat performance.

First things first. Coach Andy Talley must find a replacement for departed quarterback Clint Park and his school-record 24 touchdown passes in '96. Soph Chris Boden, a Californian who appeared in six games and threw for 351 yards and a pair of touchdowns, is the likely successor. Brian Finneran had 81 receptions last fall and Josh Dolbin had 47, including seven for TDs. Tight end Joe Kavanaugh also returns. The running game should be solid with tailback Curtis Sifford, who rushed for 1,001 yards and seven touchdowns and caught 18 passes, three for TDs. Junior Todd Golemi moves to fullback. The offensive line lost all-league performers Matt McKnight and Chris Okano, but returns 300-pound tackle Mitch McCrimmon.

There were losses on defense, where the team didn't excel last season, but ends Derek Forgione and Chris Machovina, who combined for 119 tackles and eight sacks, are back, as is linebacker Shaun Lyons.

JAMES MADISON

This could be a rebuilding—or a regrouping—season for Dukes coach Alex Wood, who won 15 games in his first two years. While 37 lettermen return, 13 starters from a team that went 7-4 overall and 5-3 in the league are gone, including the top five receivers and three defensive linemen. Also missing is placekicker John Coursey, who holds the JMU career records for field goals and points.

All of this means a heavy burden for part-time starting quarterback Greg Maddox, a 6-3 sophomore who completed 105 of 204 passes for 1,269 yards and 11 touchdowns last season. Junior college transfer Antoine Lucas and Colorado State transfer Craig Akins will also get a shot at running the team. Stability in the offensive line will be provided by returning starters Carter Robertson (guard) and Sonny Hathaway (center).

One key will be second-team all-conference punter Nelson Garner, who averaged 41.9 yards and dropped 19 kicks inside the 20-yard line. JMU opens its season against I-A Ball State, which played in the Las Vegas Bowl.

NORTHEASTERN

The optimism for this season was spawned in the final game of last season, when Brandon Hanes's 35-yard field goal beat New Hampshire 30-28 as time expired. The kick ended a run of eight straight losing seasons and a winless streak against the Wildcats that dated back to 1972. Now, 17 starters return to build on that achievement. There is experience at the skill positions.

Senior co-captain Jim Murphy, the all-time Husky leader in passing yards (4,981) and completions (404), will look for further improvement. He set a school single-season record for completion percentage (58.8). Murphy has some familiar targets. Senior wideout David Smith caught 40 balls despite missing the last four games with an ankle injury. Also back is receiver Scott Mithchem, who started strong last year before sustaining a ruptured spleen. The running backs appear solid with the return of tailback David Edmundson (852 yards) and fullback Jeff Reale (eight rushing touchdowns), but the offensive line must be rebuilt.

The defensive line features four seniors and the linebacking corps is led by leading tackler Steve Kives.

RICHMOND

Looking to rebound on a 2-9 season (1-7 in the league), the Spiders will bank on their defense. Eight starters return from the unit that finished first in the conference against the pass (141.5 yards per game), second in points allowed (17.9 per game), and third in total defense (269 yards per game).

The secondary is led by all-conference performers Lamont Neal and Winston October. Neal had a team-high 107 tackles and was named third-team All-America. October had 69 tackles, six pass deflections, and two interceptions. Junior Marc Megna heads the defensive line. Linebacker Shawn Barber had 92 tackles last fall. The graduation of quarterback Joe Elrod will leave the position to either junior Mat Shannon or soph Jimmie Miles. The Spiders also have to replace third-team all-league running back Mino Rodriguez.

NORTHEAST

Robert Morris is the favorite to repeat as conference champion.

BY BILL HELLER

Officially, Robert Morris and Monmouth tied for the Northeast Conference championship in the league's inaugural season with 3-1 records. Unofficially, Robert Morris (9-2) was not only better than Monmouth (7-3)—humbling the Hawks 43-6—but edged crosstown rival and previously undefeated Duquesne 28-26 to capture the ECAC Bowl. Not bad for a program which didn't exist before 1994.

Under the leadership of coach Joe Walton, Robert Morris has gone 22-7-1. With eight starters back on offense and defense, the Colonials are heavy favorites to repeat in the Northeast. "It should be very competitive," Walton said. "Wagner and Monmouth are two good teams."

Robert Morris is better than good.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Rick Sarille,
TB, Wagner

DEFENSE:

John O'Connell,
LB, Robert Morris

NEWCOMER:

Don Marshall,
QB, Robert Morris

GAME TO WATCH

Wagner at Robert
Morris, October 4

ROBERT MORRIS

The Colonials shut out their first three opponents, then lost only to Dayton and Wagner on the road. Junior quarterback Jake Newman passed for 1,420 yards and 17 TDs. Waiting in the wings is freshman Don Marshall. Explosive sophomore tailback Archie Wannamaker, the NEC Offensive Newcomer of the Year, gained 735 yards on an 8.2 average with eight touchdowns and averaged 37.5 yards on six kickoff returns. Ralph Clark also returns in the backfield. Flanker Fred Parker and split end DeLonte Perkins combined for 54 receptions and 11 TDs.

Nate List, the team's leading tackler, and the co-NEC Defensive Player of the Year, returns. Rejoining him are linebacker John O'Connell, free safety Brian Dunn, and cornerback Dante Payne. O'Connell had seven of Robert Morris's 33 sacks and forced four fumbles. Mark Baldino anchors the line.

Rick Sarille, Wagner



WAGNER

Coach Walt Hameline (123-44-2) seems assured of gaining a 17th consecutive, non-losing season. The Seahawks' powerful ground game features tailback Rick Sarille and fullback Justin Lockhart running behind a veteran line led by all-NEC guard Brian Avery. Sarille was fifth in the nation with 147.9 yards rushing per game and scored 11 touchdowns. Lockhart averaged 7.2 yards per carry. Carl Franke caught 12 passes for 161 yards and was all-NEC as a kicker. His 41-yard field goal as time expired gave

Wagner (5-5) its victory over Robert Morris. Junior quarterback Jeff Skinner saw limited action last fall.

Two of Wagner's three all-NEC defensive linemen, juniors Justin Abel and Ryan Linder, return, but the linebacking trio is history. Junior safety Jason Scholz, who missed the '96 season with reconstructive knee surgery, is also back.

PREDICTIONS

1. Robert Morris
2. Wagner
3. Monmouth
4. Central Connecticut
5. St. Francis

MONMOUTH

The Hawks (7-3) have only nine regulars returning. Quarterback Dan Sabella threw for 1,115 yards and eight touchdowns before missing the second half of the season with a broken leg. He has two exceptional receivers in all-NEC flanker William Holder and split end Rick Finer. The offensive line lost four four-year starters.

All-NEC end Jason Gmitter, tackles Tom Zdanowicz and Robert Ward, cornerback Steve Covello, and free safety Vinnie Sasso are back on defense.

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT

The Blue Devils (3-7) lost their all-time leading receiver, Ed Poland, and quarterback John O'Reilly, but return a potent backfield. Stan House rushed for 1,015 yards and 19 touchdowns and fullback Tommy Powers ran for 556 yards. All-NEC tight end L.T. Brown also returns.

The defense returns its five leading tacklers: inside linebacker Ed Zaskey, safeties Hector Concepcion, James Melchiona, and Ryan Carrigan, and tackle Frank Graziano.

ST. FRANCIS

Though 0-4 in the conference, the Red Flash improved from a winless '95 season to 3-7 overall last fall. Only four regulars return on offense. Tailback Brian Pittman rushed for 623 yards and seven touchdowns, fullback D.J. Jenkins gained 204 yards, and wideouts Sam Campoli and Chad Connors were second and third in receptions.

Sophomore free safety Samm Taranto, the NEC co-Defensive Newcomer of the Year, led the conference in tackles. He's joined in the secondary by returning starters Patrick McKenna and Matt Beck. Matt Farabaugh is back at middle linebacker, flanked by veterans Tim Lucko and Eric Korhut.

METRO ATLANTIC

The offensive fireworks are certain to continue at Duquesne.

BY BILL HELLER

Maybe we should just cancel the season and concede the MAAC title to Duquesne. Georgetown might protest, but it's hard to find another team with a serious chance of denying Duquesne its third straight championship. The Dukes return 18 starters, eight of them first team all-MAAC, from a 10-1 team which steamrolled through the league schedule. Only Siena stayed within eight points before Pittsburgh rival Robert Morris held off a late rally by the Dukes to take the ECAC Bowl 28-26. That ended Duquesne's 19-game winning streak, but hardly dampens expectations for this fall.

"We're excited to have such a talented nucleus of players back from last year," said Duquesne's Greg Gattuso, a former Penn State All-America and two-time MAAC Coach of the Year. "The kids worked harder than ever this spring. We have a lot of optimism around Duquesne."

Excuse the rest of the MAAC for being less enthusiastic. If anyone derails the Dukes, it will be Georgetown, which returns 17 starters, including eight all-MAAC selections, from a 7-3 team that went 7-1 in the MAAC.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE:

Reggie Greene,
TB, Siena

DEFENSE:

Mike Lynn,
LB, Georgetown

NEWCOMER:

B.J. DiNatale,
LB, Duquesne

GAMES TO WATCH

Duquesne at
Georgetown,
October 25

DUQUESNE

The Dukes led I-AA in scoring defense (10.1), were third in total defense, and ranked in the top nine in four other categories, including scoring (36.6). With efficient quarterback Dave Loya, MAAC Offensive Rookie of the Year tailback Andre Hatcher, and All-America wide receiver/kick returner Joe Rosato all back, the offensive fireworks are certain to continue.

Loya, who already holds 11 Duquesne records, is the starter for the fourth straight season. He completed 49.6 percent of his passes for 2,201 yards and 20 touchdowns. Hatcher, a transfer from Ohio State, averaged 5.5 yards a carry for 1,145 yards and 12 TDs before breaking his arm in the regular-season finale against Canisius. Rosato was fifth in the nation in kick-off returns (29.3), sixth in punt returns (14.4), and the Dukes' top receiver (43 catches). All-MAAC tight end Anthony Dippolito and all-MAAC guard Carmen Bricillo anchor the offensive line.

On defense, Matt Fisher (team-high 102 tackles), Christian Polard, the MAAC Defensive Rookie of the Year, and highly regarded freshman B.J. DiNatale comprise a solid linebacker corps. Up front, all-MAAC Christian Keesey and Mike Spitznagel, who had five sacks, provide pressure. The secondary features senior Bryan Cornell, who led the Dukes with six interceptions. All-MAAC kicker Brian Vautier also returns.

GEORGETOWN

Senior quarterback Bill Ward, who went down with a season-ending knee injury in the second game, returns for the explosive Hoyas. All-MAAC tailback Steve Iorio, Georgetown's No. 2 all-time rusher, ran for seven touchdowns and 890 yards. Tailback Joe Todisco rushed for 483 yards in only seven games. Senior wideout Rob Rosenthal caught 39 passes, 24 more than any teammate, for 592 yards. Senior guard Steve Ozeranic and all-MAAC junior tackle Sean Brady head the offensive line.

The defense, tops in the nation against the run (53.2 yards) and in total yards (218.2), lost the league's co-Defensive Player of the Year, Janne Kouri, but returns five outstanding seniors: all-MAAC linebacker and leading tackler Mike Lynn, tackle Mike Fioritto, nose guard Steve Pogorelec, all-MAAC safety Dennis Hermonstynne, and cornerback Reid Ruberti, who had four interceptions. Punter Charlie Turner set a school record by averaging 37.8 yards.

PREDICTIONS

1. Duquesne
2. Georgetown
3. Marist
4. St. John's
5. Canisius
6. Siena
7. St. Peter's
8. Fairfield
9. Iona

MARIST

J. J. Allen, who rushed for 645 yards and nine TDs, and Jovan Rhodes (708 yards) give Marist (7-3) a powerful running game. Wide receiver Jon Reed (team-high 33 catches) and tight end Brian Ladd give senior quarterback Jim Daley plenty of options. Daley completed 49.4 percent of his passes for 1,150 yards and seven touchdowns with 12 interceptions. All-MAAC center Hugh Stanton and tackles Chris Plant and Carl Fishback return on a massive line.

The defense is loaded with veterans, including all-conference end Dwayne Bates, who had 9.5 sacks last fall, safeties John Fox (team-high 78 tackles) and Mario Wilson, cornerback Paul Deckaj, linebacker Darren Valdes, and tackles Archer Bridgeforth and Dave Silvia. Wilson had six of the Red Foxes' 16 interceptions. Allen, Deckaj, and Reed are dangerous kick returners as well.

ST. JOHN'S

The Red Storm (6-4) has every reason to improve behind all-MAAC junior quarterback Mark Levine, who passed for 1,911 yards and 20 touchdowns with nine interceptions, and all-MAAC senior tailback Jermaine Creighton, St. John's No. 2 all-time rusher. Creighton picked up 1,079 yards and 11 TDs, and also had 15 catches. The offensive line returns Matt Kohm, James Paul, Steve Fazzolari, and Greg DalCollo.

All-MAAC junior linebacker Rob Feise, who had 77 tackles, linemen Rayon Whilby, Steve Gordon, and Winfred Wright, and backs Richard Rodriguez (five interceptions) and Kevin Krapf are back. The recruit who came the farthest is quarterback Josiah Mooney, who was all-state in Tyler, Texas. Mooney threw for more than 4,000 yards and rushed for over 1,500 in his high school career.



CANISIUS

The schizophrenic Golden Griffins opened 5-0 and finished 0-4. Still, it was their first winning season since 1990. All-MAAC senior Shane Hurd led the country with seven interceptions and Canisius led the nation in turnover margin at +22. Junior tailback Nick Adinolfi (724 yards) and wide receiver Justin Drew (19 catches) are reunited on offense with four other starters. The Griffs, however, must replace quarterback Paul Marvar. Junior Jon Ross is the leading candidate, but he threw only 15 passes last year. The kicking game is strong. Dustin Bakowski made four of five field goals and 18 of 19 PATs. Aaron Wysko averaged 34.1 yards per punt with a long of 52.

Defense again will be the Griffs' strength. Seven returning starters join Hurd, including linemen Scott Dochat and Brian Swatland. Each had seven sacks last fall.

Mike Lynn, Georgetown

SIENA

If only the Saints (2-7) could clone Reggie Greene. The senior tailback led the nation in rushing (191.0 yards per game) for the second straight season, finishing with 1,719 yards on a 6.1 average and all 12 of Siena's rushing touchdowns. He set a I-AA record with 379 yards on 44 carries against St. John's. Quarterback Steve Dearstyne, who completed 28 of 57 passes before suffering a season-ending neck injury against Monmouth, has a solid line centered by 6-2, 320-pound Justin Cleveland. Siena's top four returning receivers, however, combined for just 23 catches a year ago.

The defense returns 10 regulars, including another Greene, Devon (no relation), who had four interceptions, one fewer than Paul Serie. Free safety Rob Field led the MAAC in tackles per game (11.4).

ST. PETER'S

The Peacocks (2-7) lost their final six games, but should improve this fall behind tailback Tom Reali (539 yards, eight touchdowns), wideouts Jelani Polite (20 catches) and Brian James (16 catches), and tight end Russ Snyder. Quarterback Jeremy Bartuck, a transfer from Colgate, threw for 1,161 yards, completing 43.6 percent with 13 interceptions and just three touchdowns. Sean Curry (6-7, 290) leads an offensive line which reduced its sacks allowed from 37 in '95 to 21 last fall.

St. Peter's defense allowed 5.5 yards per carry, registered just 13 sacks, and lost its only all-MAAC player, linebacker William Bryant. Only two of the Peacocks' top six tacklers return: defensive end/linebacker Lee Regenbogen and linebacker Markeem Watson.

FAIRFIELD

The Stags made progress in their first season, putting a positive spin on an 0-8 record by walloping Iona 27-0 in the finale. All 22 starters return. The offense is led by twin brothers, quarterback Jim Lopuznick and wideout Tom. Jim completed 48.8 percent of his passes for 1,785 yards and 10 touchdowns, but he had 23 interceptions. Tom caught 69 passes for 857 yards and six touchdowns. Dwayne Fowlkes, who rushed for 218 yards, heads the ground game.

The defense, which yielded 223 yards rushing per game, is led by safety Derrick Aldridge, who had a team-high 45 tackles, and linebacker Stephen Krines.

IONA

The Gaels (1-9) feature one of the most versatile players in the nation in Whitney Epps. The all-MAAC cornerback/tailback led the Gaels in rushing, receiving, scoring, all-purpose yards, and pass deflections and was fourth on the team in tackles. He'll be helped on defense by two seniors who missed most of last season with knee injuries, back Chris LaMotta and linebacker Matt Carlo, and by second-team all-MAAC end Jeff Commander.

Quarterback Joe Metress, who completed 35.2 percent of his passes for 330 yards, three touchdowns, and seven interceptions, will have to step it up to keep the pressure off Epps, who rushed for 263 yards and three touchdowns and caught 11 passes for 131 yards.

DIVISION II

Look for Carson-Newman to win its first Division II crown.

BY GREGG DEWALT
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The 1996 season was a year of change in Division II. A new national champion was crowned, some familiar faces fell out of playoff contention, and some new teams emerged as forces for the future. But look for Carson-Newman to return to the championship game this fall and win its first national Division II crown.

At midseason, Northern Colorado was left for dead in the North Central Conference. The Bears were 3-3, unranked, and going nowhere fast as November approached. But Joe Glenn somehow got his team back together and the Bears snuck into the playoffs by winning their last three regular-season games. Once in the playoffs, the Bears took the term "photo finish" to a higher level, beating Pittsburg State, Northwest Missouri State, and Clarion in the closing seconds. In the championship game, Northern Colorado didn't need any last-second heroics to stop Carson-Newman 23-14 for the Bears' first national Division II football championship.

Elsewhere around the country, three-time defending national champion North Alabama suffered through its worst season in five years, finishing 6-5. The Lions lost all five games by a total of 13 points and recorded a road victory at always-tough Texas A&M-Kingsville. Go figure.

Perennial power North Dakota State didn't even qualify for the playoffs, and the Gulf South Conference, which had four straight national champions, lost its chance for a fifth when Carson-Newman stopped West Georgia in the first round of the playoffs and then ousted Valdosta State in the semifinals.

Replacing North Alabama and North Dakota State in the playoffs were teams such as Chadron State and Nebraska-Omaha, each of which finished 10-2.

So what's in store for 1997? Who knows, except that some teams that missed out on the playoffs will be back as strong as ever and some of those new faces will be reluctant to give up their newfound success. It should make for an interesting ride.

GAMES TO WATCH

Carson-Newman at
Valdosta State,
September 6

Central Oklahoma at
Texas A&M-Kingsville,
September 13

Texas A&M-Kingsville
at North Alabama,
September 20

Catawba at
Carson-Newman,
October 4

NW Missouri State at
Pittsburg State,
October 25

Nebraska-Omaha at
Northern Colorado,
October 25

CARSON-NEWMAN (12-2) extended its losing streak in Florence, Alabama, to four straight games with the championship-game loss to Northern Colorado. Ken Sparks and the Eagles, with 18 starters back from last year's 12-2 team, think they can do something about that and win the school's first Division II crown.

"Everyone on this team knows that 1996 could have been the year," said Sparks. "Because of that, we believe that with hard work, commitment, and faith, it could happen in 1997, too. But there are going to be several improved teams in Division II this season. Hopefully, Carson-Newman will be among them. It's all up to the guys in the orange helmets."

The Eagles, an option-oriented offensive team, return leading rusher Tyrone Westmoreland (1,411 yards, 14 TDs) and a huge offensive line anchored by 320-pound Charles Rathbone.

PITTSBURG STATE (8-3) seems to have everything

in place to contend for a championship, including 15 starters. Another run-first team, the Gorillas return six offensive linemen to open holes for QB Zack Siegrist, who rushed for 11 touchdowns and threw for 16 more.

"As always, the expectations are high at Pittsburg State," coach Chuck Broyles said. "We have a strong nucleus returning. Zack Siegrist had a solid rookie season, and we expect more good things from him over the next two years."

NORTHERN COLORADO (12-3) has some holes to fill as it begins the defense of its national championship. QB Tom Beck has graduated and OL Tony Ramirez was an NFL draft pick. TB Billy Holmes (1,074 yards) will try to extend his streak of six 100-yard games. FB Mark Chicarelli averaged 7.5 yards per carry, so the running game is in good shape. The defense is led by Aaron Smith, who had 12 sacks and 20 tackles for losses, and LB Brian Scott (129 tackles).

TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE (8-3) always seems to be loaded with talent. A total of 31 lettermen and several transfers give coach Ron Harms an opportunity to return to the championship game. LB Chris Hensley, who led the Javelinas in tackles in 1994 and '95, is back after missing 1996 with an injury. He heads a unit that has a couple of other outstanding players in DB Troy Asbell and DL David Alsip. The kicking game is solid with P Kevin Thornewell and Frank Castro, who didn't miss an extra point all season.

Once **CAL-DAVIS (8-5)** got finished with the Division I-AA portion of its schedule, the Aggies got rolling. Cal-Davis put together a four-game winning streak late in the year, including a 17-14 upset of Kingsville, to reach the playoff semifinals. Carson-

Billy Holmes, Northern Colorado





Zack Siegrist, Pittsburg State

Newman needed a late rally to prevent the Aggies from playing for a championship. DE Josh Anstey was named to three All-America teams following a 15-sack season. He again will make life difficult for opposing quarterbacks. TE Wes Terrell caught 37 passes in '96 and, at 6-3, 240-pounds, should become new QB Kevin Daft's favorite target.

CLARION (11-3) came within a few seconds of beating Northern Colorado and playing for a national championship. Coach Malen Luke has a wealth of experience returning from the top-scoring offense (43.5 points per game) in Division II, including QB Chris Weibel, who threw 32 touchdown passes and was second in passing efficiency (58.4 percent). Ron Dejidas rushed for 1,231 yards and caught 32 passes for 373 yards. But the Golden Eagles have to rebuild the offensive line around All-America Mike Sipos.

Coach Charlie Fisher has quietly built a championship contender at **WEST GEORGIA (9-3)**, and with 17 starters back from last year's playoff team, the Braves should be ready to make it past the first round. If they can get out of the Gulf South Conference, that is. QB Toby Strange threw 24 TD passes and should get plenty of protection from four returning starters in the offensive line. CB Corey Jarrells leads an experienced

defense that returns seven starters.

After winning only four games in his first two seasons, coach Pat Behrns and **NEBRASKA-OMAHA (10-2)** shocked nearly everyone on the way to a North Central Conference title. With 19 full- or part-time starters back, the Mavericks should be in the thick of things again. The biggest question for Behrns is finding replacements for All-America T Byron Holston and DB Pat Davis. With 28 redshirt freshmen, that shouldn't be a problem.

FERRIS STATE (10-2) has made a habit of winning the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference championship (5 straight). This season, coach Jeff Pierce

and the Bulldogs want to go a bit further after being ranked No. 1 for the first time ever last season. All three LBs had over 100 tackles, with Jeff Fisher leading the way. On offense, Ray Wilson caught 40 passes from Matt McCarthy, who threw for 2,721 yards and 18 TDs.

BLOOMSBURG (10-2) has a tremendous 1-2 punch on offense. RB Irvin Sigler scored 25 times on the way to a 1,764-yard season. Ron Lelko averaged 133 receiving yards per game while catching 99 passes. He had 18 touchdowns, including three in a playoff loss to Clarion.

NW MISSOURI STATE (11-2), under coach Mel Tjeerdsma, is another quick-turn-around story. In 1994 the team didn't win a game in his first season. Tjeerdsma won six in 1995 and posted a school-record 11 wins last season and made it to the quarterfinals of the playoffs. DB Twan Young (5 interceptions) and a veteran offensive line are keys for continued success.

NORTH ALABAMA (6-5) was denied a fourth consecutive national title and missed the playoffs for the first time in four years. Coach Bobby Wallace and the Lions are committed to not letting that happen again. But the Lions need a strong recruiting class to fill a variety of holes. All-America Reginald Ruffin has 30 sacks in three years and will move from DE to LB. If the Lions can reverse a trend of losing close games, they'll be back in the playoffs.

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL (8-3) got as high as No. 5 in the Division II poll and should contend for the playoffs on the strength of 15 returning starters, including eight all-Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association and three all-South Region performers. LB Ken Hill and DBs Adrian Jones and Buddy Crutchfield head a unit that was fourth nationally in scoring defense and seventh in total defense.

Defense was the name of the game at **CHADRON STATE (10-2)** last fall, and it should be again this season. The Eagles

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OFFENSE

QB	Damian Poalucci	East Stroudsburg
RB	Brian Shay	Emporia State
RB	Tregnel Thomas	Delta State
WR	Ron Lelko	Bloomsburg
WR	Jamar Nailon	New Mexico Highlands
TE	Ben Kern	Western State
OL	Joe Hutter	Winona State
OL	Tim Baer	Bloomsburg
OL	Dustin McNeal	Central Oklahoma
OL	Chris Williams	West Georgia
OL	Mike Sipos	Clarion
PK	Frank Castro	Texas A&M-Kingsville

DEFENSE

DL	Josh Anstey	Cal Davis
DL	Cedric Killings	Carson-Newman
DL	Aaron Smith	Northern Colorado
LB	Reginald Ruffin	North Alabama
LB	Jeff Fisher	Ferris State
LB	Johnny Luter	Central Oklahoma
LB	Chris Hensley	Texas A&M-Kingsville
DB	Adrian Jones	North Carolina Central
DB	Nolan Peterson	Catawba
DB	Troy Appling	New Haven
DB	Brian Decker	Edinboro
P	Tom O'Brien	South Dakota State

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held five opponents under 10 points and return seven starters, including junior LB Kevin Homer, who had 22 tackles for losses, forced four fumbles, blocked two kicks, and intercepted two passes. S Ryan Turman picked off six passes and DE Casey Beran had 7.5 sacks and 15 hurries.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE (6-4) slipped out of the championship hunt and has a new coach this season in Bob Babich. History indicates it won't take the Bison long to regroup. Babich has 15 starters back from last year and three more players who started in 1995. As usual, the schedule is brutal, with Gulf South power West Georgia and Lone Star contender Texas A&M-Commerce visiting Fargo.

DELTA STATE (6-4) has TB Tregnell Thomas back for his sophomore year, and that alone makes the Statesmen dangerous. Thomas (1,604 yards, 11 TDs) was voted Mississippi's College Player of the Year. If Delta State finds a quarterback to give Thomas some help, the Statesmen could contend in the GSC.

Damian Poalucci, East Stroudsburg



NORTH DAKOTA (7-3) is another one of those teams that could win it all or go bust in the always-tough North Central. The Fighting Sioux lost four All-America players but have a good nucleus to build around; QB Kevin Klancher, RB Phillip Moore (1,283 yards), and TE Jim Kleinsasser all return.

GRAND VALLEY (8-3) ended Ferris State's 42-game regular-season unbeaten streak and appears to have all the pieces in place for a spectacular season. Eighteen starters are back, including Jeff Fox, who set a school record with 2,515 passing yards. On defense, Kevin Clemens and Kelton Davis had nine sacks each.

CATAWBA (9-2) was the only team to beat Carson-Newman in the regular season; the Indians grabbed a 17-3 decision at midseason. Kevin Brown made the most of his 101 completions, throwing 18 for touchdowns. LB Ronnie Harrington had 10.5 quarterback sacks and 18 tackles for losses.

ALBANY STATE (8-3) made an immediate statement last year when it upset three-time defending national champion North Alabama in the first game of the season. But once again, Albany State couldn't make it past the first round of the playoffs. With seven starters back on a good defensive unit to augment an offense that features explosive FL Vincent Huff, the Rams are ready to roll again.

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA (9-3) had its best season since a 1982 NAIA national championship campaign, qualifying for the playoffs and winning a first-round game. For the Bronchos to match or surpass last year, LB Johnny Luter (163 tackles) will have to have another All-America-type season and TB Zack Leonard will have to regain his form after taking an injury-hardship season. Playing in the Lone Star Conference North Division should be a plus.

MILLERSVILLE (6-4) could be in store for a breakout season if Mike Fetridge (72 catches, 860 yards, 8 TDs) has a quarterback who will find him as much as Greg Moylan did. Defense should be a strength with eight starters back, including the entire front.

The coaching staff may have changed at **VALDOSTA STATE (10-3)**, but the wide-open style of play won't under new coach Mike Kelly, who came south after a stint as offensive coordinator of the CFL's Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Kelly's biggest chore will be finding a quarterback to replace Harlon Hill Trophy runner-up Lance Funderburk. The leading candidate is Matt Mumme, son of former

coach Hal Mumme, who was hired to turn around the University of Kentucky's program. Nine starters are back on defense.

WESTERN STATE's record (6-5) was deceptive: two losses were to Division I-AA foes, two conference losses were by 14 points, and the other loss was against Northern Colorado. But the Mountaineers finished with a flurry, winning their final four games. LBs Shane Carwin and T.W. Sites combined for 31 tackles for losses.

NEW HAVEN (7-3) should be strong on defense with nine starters returning, including Troy Appling, who had seven interceptions. Don Highsmith led the ground game with 851 yards.

OTHERS TO WATCH

David Bennett's rushing total (879 yards) was the best single-season effort at **ABILENE CHRISTIAN** since 1984. Bennett and QB Misael Alvarado should keep the Wildcats in the LSC South hunt all season.

WINONA STATE coach Tom Sawyer hopes 15 starters, including All-America OL candidate Joe Hutter, will put the Warriors over the top in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate conference.

EMPORIA STATE's Brian Shay set a Division II record with 2,738 all-purpose yards, 2,103 of which came on the ground, the second-highest total ever in Division II.

EAST STROUDSBURG QB Damian Poalucci threw for 616 yards in a single game on his way to a NCAA-record 3,831 passing yards in 1996. With six other regulars back on offense, East Stroudsburg should be fun to watch this year.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY (PA) made it back to the playoffs, but was only 3-3 in its last six games. But the Indians are always a factor in the PSAC.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE has 17 starters back from last year's team that tied for second in the NCC. That should make things easy for new coach John Stiegelmeier.

TRUMAN STATE must deal with the loss of Harlon Hill Trophy winner Jarrett Anderson (2,140 yards, 15.3 points per game). Who will replace him? "It could be running back by committee," said coach John Ware.

NEWBERRY (7-4) had its best season in more than a decade, but must find replacements at QB, RB, and WR.

FORT HAYS STATE (7-3) has seven starters back on defense, but only four on offense.

EDINBORO (6-4) has a schedule filled with three playoff teams from '96, but the Fightin' Scots have an experienced defense led by Brian Decker (6 interceptions).

DIVISION III

Mount Union remains the team to beat for the national title.

BY MIKE GOENS
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GAMES TO WATCH

Buffalo State
at Washington
and Jefferson,
September 20

Mount Union
at Baldwin-Wallace,
September 26

Springfield
at Coast Guard,
September 27

Wittenburg at
Allegheny,
September 27

Augustana at
Wheaton, October 4

College of New Jersey
at Rowan, October 4

John Carroll at Mount
Union, October 18

Wisconsin-Whitewater
at Wisconsin-
La Crosse,
November 8

Albion at Hope,
November 8

Albright at Catholic,
November 15

Being national champs has proved to be a tough act to follow, at least since Augustana's incredible four-year reign during the 1970s. Coach Larry Kehres has already identified nearly 15 teams that are capable of knocking his **MOUNT UNION** team off the top.

The Raiders (14-0) still must be considered the favorite to win Division III's top prize. They blew away Rowan in last year's title game, and 14 starters are back. Mount Union has an impressive 80-6-1 record during the 1990s. Bill Borchert completed 67 percent of his passes for 4,035 yards and 55 touchdowns last year, including a 505-yard, seven-TD performance in the championship game. Kevin Knestrick caught 64 passes for 1,488 yards and split end Reiko Gollate had 942 receiving yards in an attack that produced 48 points per game. The defense only allowed 9.9 points a game. DT B.J. Payne and LBs Jason Hall and Jim Eller head that unit.

ALBRIGHT (9-1) advanced to the quarterfinals and returns 19 starters. New coach E.J. Sandusky will rely on his defense, which allowed only 67 rushing yards per game. Shawn Stratz and Jim Kernan are leaders up front and Bob Maro had 10 interceptions. Bryan Snyder passed for just under 3,000 yards and 38 TDs. Ben Reph and Eric Nemec are solid receivers, and the top three runners are back.

There has also been a coaching change at **ALBION**, but that's not expected to detour the Britons as they shoot for their ninth straight MIAC title. Craig Rundle will be greeted by 15 returning starters. Jason Cariveau (6-5, 355) is a giant force for the offense, which features RBs Ray Henke and Virgil Petty, who combined for 1,520 yards and 20 touchdowns in '96. QB Joe Pesci will direct the unit. On defense, LB Neil Johnson and DB Scott Harris are key performers.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON has produced consistent winners for 13 seasons, but it has been unable to reach the top of the division. The Presidents have won 85 percent of their games during the stretch. Eight starters are back on offense, but the key may be new QB Brad O'Malley. OL standout Garrett Dorn returns, as do RB Jason Barr and WR Dwayne Poole. Meanwhile, 10 starters return on defense, a unit led by DL D.J. Valente.

Improving on a 10-1 mark won't be easy for **SIMPSON**, but there are 23 players with starting experience, including Iowa Conference MVP Brad Jorgensen. He'll be throwing to new receivers, but the running game and a strong line will help him adjust. Across the line, DT Jeremy Whalen and DB Todd DeWoody lead the way.

WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE will try to regain the nation-



Bill Borchert, Mount Union

al title it won two years ago. But it has just eight starters back. Jeff Baker threw for more than 1,900 yards and 13 TDs during an 11-2 season. RBs John Barnett and Beau Coulter are solid. John Wilson had 8.5 sacks and Ric Mathias had seven interceptions.

After advancing to the semifinals last year, **LYCOMING** has its sights set on bigger things. The Warriors (11-1) were two or three plays away from the championship game. Fourteen starters expect to do better this time. LB Brett Zalonis, coming off a 79-tackle, six-interception season, heads the defensive unit. Finding a quarterback is a priority. An experienced offensive line is led by senior Jason Meyer. RB Steve Hill is also expected to carry a huge load.

THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY may be ready to steal the spotlight from Rowan. Last season's 8-3 mark gave the Lions a taste of the big time. Offensively, nine starters return, including QB Pete Hartevelde, RB Jameon Cooper, WR Bredan Prophet, and C Jim Haines. On defense, LB James Reilly is as good as they come and DL Tom Ruggia and Reggie Jeffries have big-play potential.

In Minnesota, head coach John Gagliardi of **SAINT JOHN'S** continues to build on his legendary status, having compiled a 336-100-11 record. Last year's 11-1 mark left another lasting impression. The best player is DB Brett Mushatt. WR Adam Herbst, RB Kip Knippel, and KR Matt Emmerich lead the offense.

ALLEGHENY lost 16 seniors from a 10-1 squad. Only 10 starters are back, but the picture is not all gloom. Kyle Adamson completed 65.4 percent of his passes and struck for 18 touchdowns while leading the offense to 45.3 points per game. Jim Mormino averaged 9.5 yards per carry. Replacing the defensive line

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must be addressed immediately, but LBs P.J. McGowan and Mike Leonard were crucial members of a unit that allowed just nine points per game.

ROWAN will be a contender again, but there are questions. But the same questions were raised last year and the Profs ended up playing in the national championship game for the third time in four years. QB Greg Lister (1,711 yards, 17 TDs) is back for his third season as a starter. The top defensive player is Terrick Grace.

WISCONSIN-WHITEWATER plays in the shadow of its rival from La Crosse, but

Jason Meyer, Lycoming



the Warhawks will make a run for national honors with 13 starters back from an 8-2 squad. OT Derrick LeVake is superb. QB Ty Grovesteen is accurate. Eddie McKennie will try to duplicate a 1,129-yard performance. Four defensive linemen are back, including Andre Bennett.

TRINITY also is trying to take the next step toward title contention. Defense is their trademark after the Tigers allowed 11.7 points per game. S Alex Doran and LB Jeremy Day lead the way. Offensive weapons include TB Mark Byarlay, FB Tres Doran, C Danny Palmer, PK Paul Morris, and QB Mike Burton.

DEPAUW posted a 9-1 mark and won the ICAC. The defense produced 31 turnovers. LBs Austin Johnson and Mike Lewis played big roles. Eight starters are back on offense, including Bernie Haskins (2,632 passing yards).

Long-awaited national respect may be headed to the **CATHOLIC** Cardinals. They have a superb quarterback-receiver duo of Kevin Ricca and Jeff Clay. Ricca threw for over 2,300 yards, while Clay grabbed 81 passes for 1,460 yards. The combination struck for 16 TDs. The

offensive line is back along with RB Andrew Notarfrancesco. Six of the front seven defensive players return, led by Dick Richardson.

ILLINOIS-WESLEYAN must rely on its defense if it is to match last year's 10-1 success. LBs John Munch and Jeff Zigmant will make sure the Titans are again solid. The offense will revolve around WRs Eric Larsen and Kyle Garifo.

WIDENER fell to 7-3 and saw its two-year run as conference champs end. Brian Greene (2,415 passing yards and 18 TDs) is back along with Leon Payne, who rushed for 1,062 yards and added 33 catches. Sean Stoner in the secondary and LB Jason Raysor lead the defense.

BUFFALO STATE advanced to the playoffs last year, but lost in the first round. With two key players gone at quarterback and tailback, there is uncertainty. In fact, there are just five offensive starters back. Meanwhile, seven players return to the defensive unit.

MARIETTA has the misfortune of playing in the same conference as Mount Union, but the Pioneers are fortunate to have perhaps the best RB in the nation. Dante Brown rushed for 2,385 yards while scoring 27 times. He rushed for 441 yards in a single game. Antonio Hutton (34 catches for 504 yards) also returns. The defense has seven regulars back.

Having advanced to the playoffs last year, **COAST GUARD** hopes to make an even greater impression this fall. Ten defensive starters return, including big-play specialists Chris Raia (12 sacks) and Damon Maldonado. Dan Warren threw 19 TD strikes and WR Al Thompson has ability. A running game must be developed.

UNION COLLEGE (9-1) finished seventh in total defense, allowing just over 200 yards per game. Seven members of that unit return, including Denton Randolph (11 sacks). Union also has all five offensive linemen and both tight ends back, along with QB Tom McKeown.



Jim Mormino, Allegheny

TB Brandon Steinhelm will play a key role in the success at **WESLEY COLLEGE**. Nine other offensive starters return after posting big numbers last season: 1,684 yards rushing and 20 TDs. OT Rob Frazier is also a key part. The Wolverines have three big-play defenders in LB Nate Casella, S Shawn Money, and DE Bill Laphon.

No team has won more games in Division III than **WITTENBURG** (572). The heart of the offense returns with eight starters back from a 9-1 squad. However, help must be found in the backfield, where graduation hit hard. LB Kent Raffey and DB Ken Pope head the defense.

WORCESTER STATE enjoyed a 10-1 mark and the recruiting benefits of a stellar campaign. QB Dan Hanson will be asked to carry the load for a defense that lost eight starters. He passed for 2,325 yards and 15 TDs, and will get help from four returning linemen and WR Bryan Keats.

WHEATON will rely on defense while replacements are found for seven graduates on offense. DT Jason Sennese heads the unit. The offense has a capable leader in junior Tim Hardy, who tossed 22 scoring passes. Aaron Messner and Chris Brown are superb offensive linemen.

DIVISION III ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	Bill Borchert	Mount Union
RB	Dante Brown	Marietta
RB	Brandon Graham	Hope College
OL	Joe El-Etr	Washington (MO)
OL	Derrick LeVake	Wisconsin-Whitewater
OL	Fred Saylor	Baldwin-Wallace
OL	Joe Weimer	Mount Union
OL	Andre Crosby	Washington and Jefferson
TE	Ryan Collins	St. Thomas
WR	Jeff Clay	Catholic
WR	Cornelius Ruff	Menlo College
PK	Todd Benecivenni	Johns Hopkins

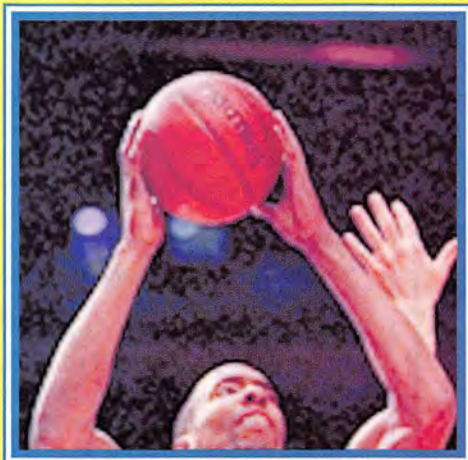
DEFENSE

DL	Denton Randolph	Union
DL	Reggie Jeffries	College of New Jersey
DL	Bill Laphon	Wesley
DL	Chris Raia	Coast Guard
LB	Jason Hall	Mount Union
LB	London Fletcher	John Carroll
LB	Kent Raffey	Wittenburg
DB	Bob Maro	Albright
DB	Brent Moshatt	Saint John's
DB	Duane Stevens	MIT
DB	Peter Hinckle	Ursinus
P	Jeff Shea	Cal-Lutheran

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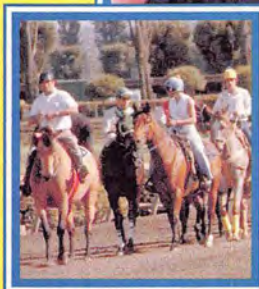
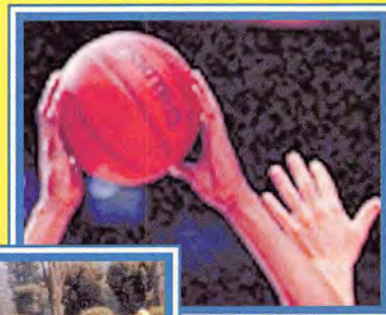


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STREET & SMITH'S 1997 HIGH SCHOOL ALL-AMERICA TEAM

by Doug Huff, Wheeling Intelligencer

Two multitalented quarterbacks on opposite sides of the country—Ronald Curry, of Hampton Virginia, and Jason Thomas of Dominguez High in Compton, California—headline Street & Smith's 16th annual High School All-America Team.

The do-it-all pair are also among the nation's basketball elite. They lead the way for 50 honorees from 20 states on the list of preseason selections, which are determined by consultation with prep writers and coaches, recruiting services, and national observers.

Five states with solid track records of producing football talent are home to 24 of the honorees. Six selections are from Florida, five from Texas and California, and four from Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Five of the preseason picks gave verbal scholarship commitments to colleges before they completed their junior year in high school, and that number should grow before the 1997 season unfolds.

Notre Dame landed offensive lineman Ryan Scarola from Franklin Regional High in Murrysville, Pa., and fullback Tom Lopienski of Walsh Jesuit High in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Michigan received a "yes" from quarterback Drew Henson, a three-sport standout from Brighton, Mich., and tight end Dave Petruziello from Lake Catholic High in Mentor, Ohio. Ohio State captured a future Buckeye, defensive lineman Kenny Peterson, from perennial in-state contender Canton McKinley High.

Here's a position-by-position breakdown on the top 50 honorees:

QUARTERBACKS

Curry, a starter since his freshman year, led Hampton (14-0) to a repeat Group AAA, Division 5 state football title and followed up with a state basketball crown. The football Crabbers, who outscored opponents 819-83, were tabbed No. 1 in the land by the national prep poll

of sportswriters. Curry accounted for 76 touchdowns last fall—36 passing (2,293 yards), 29 rushing (902 yards), six on kick returns, four on 10 interceptions, and one on a blocked field-goal return. Curry has scored 69 touchdowns and passed for 62 with 8,082 yards in total offense (5,630 passing and 2,452 rushing).

Thomas also led his team to football and basketball crowns. In football, Dominguez (13-1) won a Division II title as Thomas accounted for 41 touchdowns. He rushed for 894 yards and 22 TDs, passed for 1,431 yards, caught two TD passes, scored three times (with 579

and 22 touchdowns the last two seasons and played safety on defense.

Jared Jones draws comparisons to Walla Walla, Wa., High alumnus Drew Bledsoe, the New England Patriots' quarterback, but he's making his own mark as a three-sport performer who plays both sides of the ball. On a run-oriented team the last two years, he produced 2,132 passing yards and 17 TDs.

Tyler Watts of Pelham, Ala., is his state's top prospect after impressing the last three years in football and baseball. Last season, he passed for nearly 2,000 yards and rushed for 550.

RUNNING BACKS

Justin Fargas can motor on the football field or on the track, where he is a sprinter and triple-jumper. On the gridiron last fall for Notre Dame High in Sherman Oaks (CA) he ran 281 times for 2,970 yards and 38 touchdowns and caught 22 passes for 284 yards and four TDs.

The Lone Star State's top back is Ben Gay, who probably rubs Spring High opponents the wrong way. He rushed for over 1,200 yards as a junior.

Earnest Graham earns the tag as top back in Florida. Last season, for Mariner High in Cape Coral, he chalked up over 1,900 rushing yards.

Antoineo Harris opened some eyes in the Illinois ranks last season and earned all-state honors at Bolingbrook High. He rushed for 2,293 yards (9.8 per carry) and 34 touchdowns in 10 games while recording four 300-yard efforts.

Arlen Harris hopes to help Downingtown (14-1) to a repeat state title after the Eastern Pennsylvania team captured Class 4A honors and ranked No. 11 in the national prep poll. Harris, whose brother Aaron plays at Penn State, led his team in rushing and scoring as a junior.

Kyran Jones set an Arizona state rushing record for juniors with 2,094 yards last season, scoring 194 points for Peoria High.

TOP 10 FRESHMAN CLASSES

1. Florida State
2. Penn State
3. Florida
4. Tennessee
5. Michigan
6. Colorado
7. Texas
8. Southern California
9. North Carolina
10. Alabama and Notre Dame (tie)

yards) on kick returns, returned two of five interceptions for TDs, and scored twice on fumble returns.

Despite the coast-to-coast gap in locales, Thomas and Curry have met: at a summer basketball camp in 1996.

Henson, one of the nation's top baseball prospects as a shortstop/pitcher and the first Michigan Class A athlete to earn all-state honors as a freshman, has passed for 3,357 yards and 28 TDs the last two years.

Adam Dunn is the top quarterback prospect in Texas. The New Caney two-way performer, who has competed in four sports, has passed for 3,001 yards

STREET & SMITH'S TOP 50 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS OF 1997

QUARTERBACKS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Ronald Curry	6-3	195	Hampton	Hampton, VA
Adam Dunn	6-5	230	New Caney	New Caney, TX
Drew Henson	6-4	215	Brighton	Brighton, MI
Jared Jones	6-5	217	Walla Walla	Walla Walla, WA
Jason Thomas	6-5	220	Dominguez	Compton, CA
Tyler Watts	6-4	205	Pelham	Pelham, AL

RUNNING BACKS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Justin Fargas	6-1	180	Notre Dame	Sherman Oaks, CA
Ben Gay	6-0	210	Spring	Spring, TX
Earnest Graham	6-0	220	Mariner	Cape Coral, FL
Antoineo Harris	6-1	208	Bolingbrook	Bolingbrook, IL
Arlen Harris	5-11	190	Downingtown	Downingtown, PA
Kyran Jones	6-1	180	Peoria	Peoria, AZ
Tom Lopienski	6-3	235	Walsh Jesuit	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Mike McNair	6-2	225	Mater Dei	Santa Ana, CA
Brandon Williams	6-0	200	Valley	New Kensington, PA

UTILITY PLAYERS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Arnaz Battle	6-3	185	Byrd	Shreveport, LA
Montrell Flowers	5-10	173	Skyline	Dallas, TX
Eric Locke	5-10	175	Riverdale	Murfreesboro, TN
Julius Peppers	6-7	245	Southern Nash	Bailey, NC

WIDE RECEIVERS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Sam Collins	6-2	180	Fayette County	Fayette, AL
Greg Moore	6-1	170	Bartow	Bartow, FL
David Terrell	6-3	195	Huguenot	Richmond, VA
Marquise Walker	6-4	200	Henninger	Syracuse, NY

TIGHT ENDS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
R. J. Luke	6-3	225	Waubonsie Valley	Aurora, IL
Dave Petruziello	6-5	270	Lake Catholic	Mentor, OH

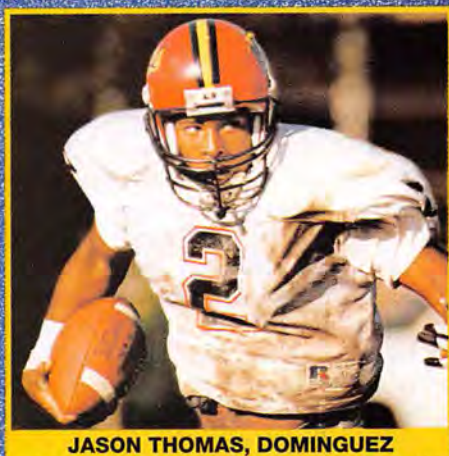
KICKER	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Hayden Epstein	6-1	180	Torrey Pines	San Diego, CA

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Ryan Scarola	6-6	315	Franklin Regional	Murrysville, PA
Jon Stinchcomb	6-7	270	Parkview	Lilburn, GA
Brett Williams	6-6	305	Osceola	Kissimmee, FL
Blake Worley	6-7	270	Capistrano Valley	Mission Viejo, CA

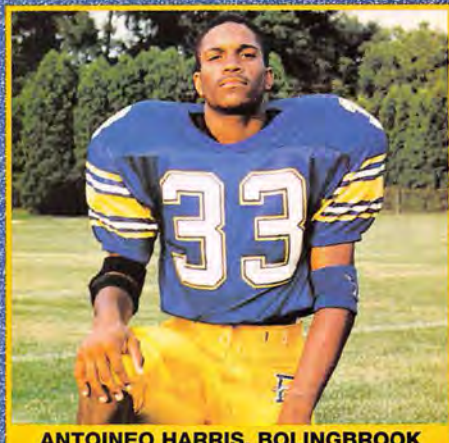
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Dave Armstrong	6-3	250	Central Bucks	West Doylestown, PA
Rian Cason	6-5	300	Woodward Academy	College Park, GA
John Henderson	6-7	270	Pearl-Cohn	Nashville, TN
Dennis Johnson	6-7	255	Harrodsburg	Harrodsburg, KY
Jason Lohr	6-3	275	Jenks	Jenks, OK
Osa Nosa	6-2	300	South Dade	Homestead, FL
Kenny Peterson	6-4	250	McKinley	Canton, OH
Sean Phillips	6-5	260	Dulles	Sugar Land, TX

LINEBACKERS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Rodney Bailey	6-4	230	Charlton County	Folkston, GA
Mike Clay	6-4	245	Nimitz	Houston, TX
Shamar Finney	6-2	230	Crest	Shelby, NC
Bernard Jackson	6-3	250	St. Xavier	Louisville, KY
Kindal Moorehead	6-4	260	Melrose	Memphis, TN
Carlos Pierre-Antoine	6-3	230	O'Dea	Seattle, WA
Eddie Strong	6-4	220	South Panola	Batesville, MS
Josh Thornhill	6-3	235	Eastern	Lansing, MI
William Witherspoon	6-3	225	Rutherford	Panama City, FL

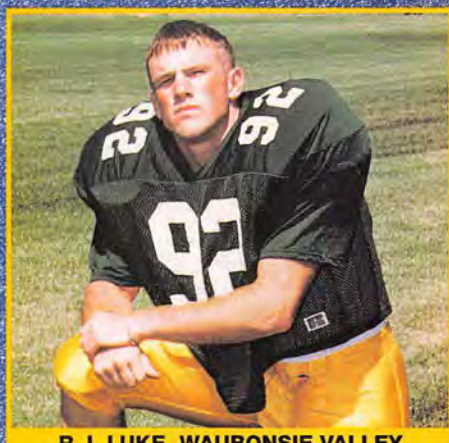
DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Marquis Easley	6-3	215	Ridgefield Park	Ridgefield Park, NJ
DeJuan Groce	5-10	180	St. Edward	Lakewood, OH
James McGriff	6-3	190	Palm Bay	Melbourne, FL



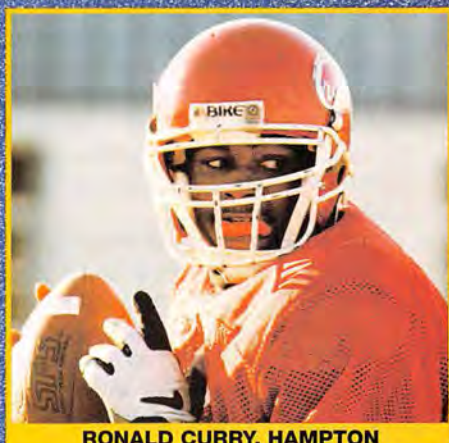
JASON THOMAS, DOMINGUEZ



ANTOINEO HARRIS, BOLINGBROOK



R.J. LUKE, WAUBONSIE VALLEY



RONALD CURRY, HAMPTON

He rushed for 388 yards in one game and twice scored six touchdowns.

Lopienski is rated one of the top full-back prospects even though his junior playing time was limited to six games because of an injury. The three-sport performer did rush for 573 yards and score nine TDs in the abbreviated time.

Mike McNair of perennial contender Mater Dei in Santa Ana (CA) is the top big back on the West Coast. Combining sprinter's speed with strength, he rushed for 1,269 yards and 18 TDs while leading the Monarchs (14-0) to a No. 2 state ranking and No. 4 spot in the national prep poll.

Brandon Williams is the top back in Western Pennsylvania after rushing 183 times for 1,925 yards and 25 TDs last year for Valley High in New Kensington.

UTILITY PLAYERS

Louisiana's top returnee could be do-it-all quarterback Arnaz Battle of Byrd High in Shreveport. He passed for 1,042 yards and 15 touchdowns with no interceptions and rushed for 1,244 yards and 17 TDs.

The nation's fastest football player could be Montrell Flowers of Skyline High in Dallas, Texas. Last spring, he clocked a wind-aided sub-10-second-time



JULIUS PEPPERS, SOUTHERN NASH

for 100 meters. This fall, he handles receiver/defensive back duties.

Eric Locke was Class 5A Mr. Football in Tennessee last season and a two-time all-stater as a quarterback for Riverdale High in Murfreesboro. His two-year totals include 1,780 yards rushing and 26 touchdowns, plus 2,485 passing yards and 30 touchdowns.

Julius Peppers is a two-sport phenom in football and basketball and a track triple-jumper. He's played tailback, wide receiver, defensive back, linebacker, and defensive end and clocked 4.6 seconds for 40 yards. In two seasons, he's rushed for 2,354 yards and 28 touchdowns.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Sam Collins, a three-sport star for Fayette County High in Fayette, Ala., caught 60 passes for 1,485 yards and 15 touchdowns last season, earning all-state honors.

Greg Moore used his 4.3-second 40-yard speed to good advantage the last two years with 85 receptions for 1,696 yards and 25 TDs, including 16 in 1996 when Bartow, Fla., High (14-1) won the state Class 4A crown and ranked 17th in the national prep poll.

David Terrell has earned all-star plaudits as a wide receiver, tight end, defensive back, and punter for Huguenot High in Richmond, Va. He caught 35 passes for 712 yards and 12 TDs, intercepted 11 passes, recovered three fumbles, and punted for a 39.5-yard average.

Marquise Walker is a two-time all-state honoree for Henninger High in Syracuse, N.Y., where he also excels in basketball. The four-year performer enters his final season with impressive career numbers—101 pass receptions for 2,161 yards and 22 touchdowns, 204 points, and 12 interceptions.

TIGHT ENDS

RJ. Luke of Waubonsie Valley High in Aurora, Ill., is a two-way end standout who earned all-state honors as a junior. In his prep career, he's caught 152 passes for 2,411 yards.

Petruziello is a three-sport and two-way football anchor. Last season, the blocking tight end also caught 21 passes for 359 yards and two touchdowns.

KICKER

Hayden Epstein of Torrey Pines High in San Diego, Calif., has the range the scouts seek. Last season, he converted nine field goals including boots of 56, 55, and 51 yards. His only four misses were from 56, 55, 54, and 48 yards.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Scarola is an outstanding blocker who shows his athletic skills on the ski slopes, too, where he competes in slaloms and helps with a ski patrol.

Jon Stinchcomb of Parkview High (Lilburn, GA), follows his brother, Matt, as an All-America lineman. He's also a basketball player and 370-pound bench presser.

Brett Williams won the Florida state shot put title as a sophomore at Osceola High in Kissimmee, and rated all-state football honors as a junior.

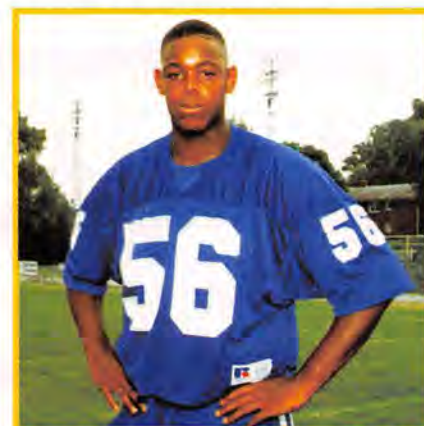
Blake Worley of Capistrano Valley High in Mission Viejo (CA) is one of the top interior line prospects on the West Coast.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Dave Armstrong enters his fourth season as a regular at defensive end/fullback for Central Bucks West in Doylestown, Pa., one of the Keystone State's top programs the last two decades. He is also one of the state's top heavyweight wrestlers.

Rian Cason plays fullback for Woodward Academy in College Park, Ga., when he isn't stopping ball carriers as a down defensive lineman.

John Henderson has earned all-star football and basketball honors since his freshman season. Last fall, he helped Pearl-Cohn High to a Class 4A state football crown as a tight end (nine TDs) and defensive end (22 sacks).



DENNIS JOHNSON, HARRODSBURG

Dennis Johnson has earned all-state honors since the eighth grade at Harrodsburg, Ky. The defensive end/offensive tackle/punter had 109 tackles, including 33 for losses last season. He is a state shot-put and discus champion who also triple jumps and high jumps.

Jason Lohr earned all-state honors while helping Jenks, Okla., (13-1) win a state Class 6A title and rank 22nd in the national prep poll. The four-year star charted 98 tackles, including 20 for losses.

Osa Nosa blends 4.9-second 40-yard speed with a 420-pound bench press. The South Dade High athlete in Homestead, Fla., earned second team all-state honors last season after recording nine sacks.

Kenny Peterson earned all-state accolades for Canton, Ohio, McKinley after making 105 tackles, including 17 behind the line, as a junior.

Sean Phillips emerged as the top defensive lineman in Texas last season and impressed the scouts in spring drills.

LINEBACKERS

Rodney "Boss" Bailey of Charlton County High in Folkston, Ga., blends size, skill, and speed. A brother of

Champ Bailey, now at the University of Georgia, he passed for 998 yards and had 58 tackles and two interceptions on defense. He also won a state high-hurdle title in track.

Mike Clay of Nimitz High in Houston (TX) earned all-district laurels last season while wrecking opposing offenses.

Shamar Finney has helped Crest High of Shelby, N.C., to two state titles in the last three seasons, including a 14-0-1 record a year ago, when Crest ranked 18th in the national prep poll. He's also a basketball and track performer.

Bernard Jackson is a two-year all-stater at St. Xavier High in Louisville, Ky.

Kindal Moorehead enters his fourth season as a regular linebacker/center for Melrose High in Memphis, Tenn., which won the 1996 state Class 3A crown. He had 121 tackles as a junior.

Carlos Pierre-Antoine already is a three-year all-star for O'Dea High in Seattle, Wash., a perennial contender in football and basketball.

Eddie Strong lived up to his surname by averaging 14 tackles per game while earning all-state plaudits last season for South Panola High in Batesville, Miss.

Josh Thornhill rated all-state honors for Eastern High in Lansing, Mich., last season and enters his fourth year as a starter. He charted 151 tackles with three interceptions as a junior.

William Witherspoon is the defensive ringleader for Springfield Rutherford in Panama City, Fla., which hopes to contend for state honors this fall. He had 84 tackles with 17 sacks and five fumble recoveries last season. He scored six TDs as a tight end. In track, he's a sprinter, long jumper, and shot-putter.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Marquis Easley of Ridgefield Park, N.J., enters his fourth season as a regular in football and is also a standout basketball performer. He injured an ankle in the first football game as a junior but still managed eight interceptions and rushed for 700 yards.

DeJuan Groce of Lakewood, Ohio, St. Edward returned four kicks for touchdowns last season and made an impression in the secondary with five interceptions and 32 tackles.

James McGriff is a do-it-all performer for Palm Bay High in Melbourne, Fla., who also competes in track and basketball. As a junior football player, he returned two of seven interceptions for touchdowns, ran back two kickoffs for TDs, scored on three pass receptions, and rushed for 908 yards and five TDs.

OTHER PREP SENIORS TO WATCH IN '97

QUARTERBACKS

	high school	hometown
Aaron Agler	Otsego	Tontogany, OH
Chip Ambres	Westbrook	Beaumont, TX
Taylor Barton	Beaverton	Beaverton, OR
Brooks Bollinger	Central	Grand Forks, ND
Dusty Burk	Tuscola	Tuscola, IL
Donald Caldwell	Jefferson	Tampa, FL
Nate Cornejo	Wellington	Wellington, KS
Joe Call	Summerville	Summerville, SC
Tom Cox	Hueytown	Hueytown, AL
Todd Cunningham	Irmo	Irmo, SC
Steve Cutlip	West	Arvada, CO
Will Driscoll	Fairport	Fairport, NY
Mike Eismann	Bishop McDevitt	Harrisburg, PA
Adam Ennis	Triton	Dunn, NC
Anthony Ephrom	Central	Madison, MS
Dabe Fife	Clarkston	Clarkston, MI
Will Fisher	Moorefield	Moorefield, WV
Ryan Gaines	Sabino	Tucson, AZ
Jason Gesser	St. Louis	Honolulu, HI
Kevin Gilbride	Bishop Kenny	Jacksonville, FL
Matt Holliday	Stillwater	Stillwater, OK
Kris Hopkins	East Bank	East Bank, WV
Luke Huard	Puyallup	Puyallup, WA
Damien Jones	Vigor	Prichard, AL
JaRon Jones	Ladue	St. Louis, MO
Kentrell Jones	Gaffney	Gaffney, SC
Danny Jordan	Joliet	Joliet, IL
Derrick Joseph	Shaw	Marrero, LA
Ryan Keating	Minnetonka	Minnetonka, MN
Kurt Kittner	Schaumburg	Schaumburg, IL
Jeremy Martin	Middletown	Middletown, RI
Todd Martineau	Mt. St. Joseph	Rutland, VT
Keith Matkins	West Charlotte	Charlotte, NC
Ryan McCann	Agoura	Agoura, CA
Mike Morrison	Kenton	Kenton, OH
Grant Noel	Frankfort	Ridgeley, WV
David Page	Northwest Rankin	Brandon, MS
Carson Palmer	Santa Margarita	Rancho Santa M., CA
Cory Paus	Lincoln-Way	New Lenox, IL
Chanston Rogers	George Washington	Danville, VA
Brian St. Peier	St. John's Prep	Danvers, MA
Matt Senneca	Central Catholic	Allentown, PA
Reggie Stancil	Colquitt County	Moultrie, GA
Jerramy Stevens	Lacey	River Ridge, WA
Jason Thompson	Damascus	Damascus, MD
Steve Tryon	Central	Amherst, NY
Luke Tucker	Fayette County	Fayette, AL
Travis Turner	Appalachia	Appalachia, VA
Michael Vick	Warwick	Newport News, VA

RUNNING BACKS

Jonathan Adams	Osceola	Osceola, AR
Brian Anthony	E. C. Glass	Lynchburg, VA
Rashad Armstrong	Miami Lakes	Hialeah, FL
Antrel Bates	Amphitheater	Tucson, AZ
Eric Bickerstaff	North	Waukesha, WI
Joe Branch	Harborfields	Greenlawn, NY
Keith Burnell	Western Branch	Chesapeake, VA
Joe Burns	Thomas Central	Thomasville, GA
Mac Campbell	Alexandria	Alexandria, AL
Scott Carter	Halls	Knoxville, TN
Rock Cartwright	Conroe	Conroe, TX
Eric Clark	Zanesville	Zanesville, OH
Braxton Cleman	Oroville	Oroville, WA
Avon Cobourne	Holy Cross	Delran, NJ
Marvin Constant	Central	Tuscaloosa, AL
Jason Cooper	Mitty	San Jose, CA
Tashawn Corbett	Long Branch	Long Branch, NJ

Walter Cross	Oxon Hill	Oxon Hill, MD
Julius Curry	Bishop Gallagher	Harper Woods, MI
Desmond Davis	Oxnard	Oxnard, CA
John Dickerson	George Washington	Danville, VA
T.J. Fifita	Timpview	Provo, UT
Tony Fisher	Euclid	Euclid, OH
Little-John Flowers	Loy Norrix	Kalamazoo, MI
DeShaun Foster	Tustin	Tustin, CA
Ahmad Galloway	Millington	Millington, TN
Nate Gary	Laurens	Laurens, SC
Eddie Gaskins	Frankfort	Philadelphia, PA
Mac Gassman	Pinkerton Academy	Derry, NH
Robert Gillespie	Hattiesburg	Hattiesburg, MS
Christshaw Giliam	Bertie	Bertie, NC
Justin Griffith	Magee	Magee, MS
Eric Hamilton	Racine Park	Racine, WI
Ahmad Harris	Purcell Marion	Cincinnati, OH
Joe Harrison	Sycamore	Cincinnati, OH
David Harvey-Bowen	Churchville-Chili	Churchville, NY
Russell Harvey	Dunbar	Chicago, IL
E.J. Henderson	Aberdeen	Aberdeen, MD
Herman Ho-Ching	Poly	Long Beach, CA
Terrance Howard	Rancocas Valley	Mt. Holly, NJ
Victor Ike	Bowie	Austin, TX
D.J. Johnson	Central	Naperville, IL
Lance Johnson	Taylorsville	Taylorsville, MS
Marquez Johnson	St. Martin DePorres	Detroit, MI
Albert Jones	Velma Jackson	Camden, MS
Justin Jones	Pembroke Hill	Kansas City, MO
Michael Jones	Laguna Hills	Laguna Hills, CA
Cato June	Anacostia	Washington, DC
Francisco Kelly	Moss Point	Moss Point, MS
Jason Kilmer	Washington	Washington, OK
Adonis Kinsey	Jamesville-DeWitt	Jamesville, NY
Maxwell Landon	Liberal	Liberal, KS
Robert Lavender	John Jay	Brooklyn, NY
Brent Lesniak	Union	Dowagiac, MI
Reno Mahe	Brighton	Salt Lake City, UT
Jamar Martin	McKinley	Canton, OH
Jonathan Martin	Richland Northeast	Columbia, SC
Eric McCoo	Red Bank	Red Bank, NJ
Eric Meekins	Easley	Easley, SC
James Millon	Wayne Hills	Wayne, NJ
Leo Mills	Humble	Humble, TX
Mario Mills	Evans	Orlando, FL
Christian Morgan	Washington	Massillon, OH
Maurice Morris	Chester	Chester, SC
Carl Murant	Kecoughtan	Hampton, VA
Derrick Nix	Etowah	Attala, AL
Josh Norman	Lee	Midland, TX
Paul Northern	Bartram	Philadelphia, PA
LaTroy Oliver	Weaver	Hartford, CT
Shontau Ray	Montevallo	Montevallo, AL
Tellis Redmon	Heritage	Colleyville, TX
Marc Riley	Longwood	Middle Island, NY
Josh Rue	Gateway	Monroeville, PA
Toward Sanford	South Panola	Batesville, MS
Sean Schindler	Curtis	Staten Island, NY
Jamie Scott	Oviedo	Oviedo, FL
Jamie Scott	Concord	Concord, NC
Jamie Scott	Mullins	Mullins, SC
George Scott	Baker	Baldwinsville, NY
Terrence Shamburger	Walker County	Jasper, AL
Tanardo Sharps	Meade	Fort Meade, MD
Donnie Siever	Eldorado	Albuquerque, NM
Marvin Spencer	Blaine	Blaine, MN
Charles Stackhouse	West Memphis	West Memphis, AR
Frank Strong	St. Marys	Stockton, CA
Lee Suggs	William Fleming	Roanoke, VA
Marreo Thomas	Wellborn	Anniston, AL

seniors**high school****hometown**

Ja'Mar Toombs
Scott Volk
Terrell Walker
Vince Webber
Jonathan Wells
Carl Williams
Victor Williams

Kilgore
Valparaiso
Carrollton
Larkin
John Curtis
Excelsior Springs
Bethel Park

Kilgore, TX
Valparaiso, IN
Carrollton, GA
Elgin, IL
River Ridge, LA
Excelsior Spg., MO
Bethel Park, PA

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Kevin Aldridge
Asad Abdul-Khalig
David Baker
Chris Belser
Scott Brown
Marco Bryant
Nick Burney
Tim Campe
Matt Cappotelli
Lamar Cobb
Darryl Conyer
Albert Davis
Kyma Dickinson
Derrick Dillon
Francis Dillon
Brandon Drumm
Ed Drummond
Terrence Edwards
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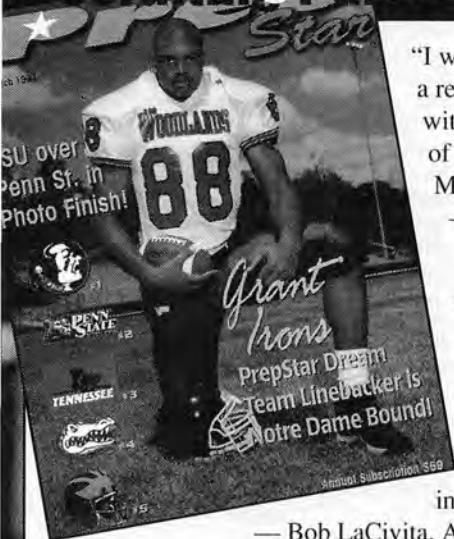
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Art Brown, RB, Winston-Salem Mt. Tabor

OHIO

Richard Hall, RB, Wyoming
Ryan Brewer, RB/KR, Troy
Matt Zahn, OL, St. Henry

PENNSYLVANIA

John Glass, OL, Allentown Dieruff

TENNESSEE

Ian Bass, LB/FB, Brentwood Academy

TEXAS

Kelvin Banks, OL, Aldine
Kevin Young, DE, Duncanville
Paul Broussard, TE/DL, LaPorte
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Paul Arnold, RB, Seattle O'Dea

WISCONSIN

Nathan Vogel, QB, Brussels Southern Door

25 PREP TEAMS TO WATCH

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Mesa, AZ (14-0)

The defending state Class 5A champion seeks its sixth title since 1978 after a No. 23 national prep poll ranking. All-State tight end Todd Heap and offensive tackle Damien Niko top the list of returnees.

DE LA SALLE, Concord, CA (12-0)

The Spartans, with U.S.-best 64 straight wins, seek all-time record 72 this season. With 98 wins in last 99 games, Bay Area power hopes to claim second national prep poll title (first was 1994) after ranking No. 2 last season. State Sophomore of the Year Atari Callen is the top running back.

DOMINGUEZ, Compton, CA (13-1)

The Dons seek a repeat of the Southern Section Division II crown with a cast of veterans headed by Jason Thomas, a football/basketball All-America, and junior linebackers Melvin Simmons and Eden Unah.

ATWATER, CA (13-1)

Veteran-laden cast includes aerial combination of quarterback Jerrod Pimentel to all-star wide receiver Eddie Macha, plus fullback C.J. Williams and offensive linemen Nick Rae and Danny Madeiros.

CAROL CITY, Miami, FL (14-1)

Eight Chiefs return who earned all-Dade County mention from state Class 6A champions, who have won 24 of last 27 games. The offense is triggered by quarterback Ethnic Sands, with wide receiver William Jenkins a target. Defense is led by lineman Octavius Jackson as Chiefs seek to improve on last year's No. 12 national prep poll ranking.

RUTHERFORD, Panama City, FL (12-2)

Thirty-five veterans return from state Class 5A semifinalist, which lost to state champion Lakeland on the last play of the game, 34-28. Included are three

all-state honorees: preseason All-America linebacker William Witherspoon, versatile Marcus Roulhac, and junior quarterback Blake Hardin.

EVANS, Orlando, FL (9-3)

Running back Mario Mills, a third unit all-stater, heads cast of returnees from state Class 6A play-off team, which is expected to challenge for honors this season.

THOMAS COUNTY CENTRAL, Thomasville, GA (14-1)

Yellow Jackets will be seeking fifth state Class 3A crown in last six years with a solid nucleus back from last season. Paving the way is the state's top running back, Joe Burns, who accounted for 2,893 all-purpose yards and scored 32 TDs last season.

ST. LOUIS, Honolulu, HI (13-0)

Crusaders are looking for their 12th straight Prep Bowl crown for coach Cal Lee, who has a 15-year record of 176-27-4, including a 54-game win streak. Quarterback Jason Gesser handles the run-and-shoot offense for the team that was ranked No. 9 in 1996 national prep poll.

HIGHLANDS, Fort Thomas, KY (15-0)

Defending state Class 3A champs seek state-record 13th title with a veteran-laden cast. Top senior is tackle Scott Kuhnhein, while junior two-way end Derek Smith is a star on state-runner-up basketball team.

JOHN CURTIS, River Ridge, LA (14-0)

Patriots will be seeking their 14th state title in the last 22 years after winning the Class 4A crown in 1996. Coach J.T. Curtis has a 313-39-6 record in the 28 years of the program, including 133-7 last decade. Returnees include linebacker Vic Vilorio and running back Jonathan Wells.

CREST, Shelby, NC (14-0-1)

A new head coach, Roy Kirby, hopes to guide the Chargers to their third state Class 4A crown in the last four years after earning the No. 18 spot in the 1996 national prep poll. Returnees include All-America linebacker Shamar Finney, offensive tackle Bryant Malloy, and Chelsey Border, who caught 48 passes for 1,200 yards last season.

McKINLEY, Canton, OH (11-2)

Sixteen starters return from the 1996 state Division I semifinalist, including Ohio State recruit and All-America defensive lineman Kenny Peterson, plus fullback Jamar Martin and two-way back Demario Rozier. McKinley, with 665 all-time victories, is one of the top five winningest prep programs.

ST. IGNATIUS, Cleveland, OH (10-3)

Wildcats reload after finishing as state Division I runner-up following five consecutive Ohio titles plus national prep poll crowns in 1993 and '95. Coach Chuck Kyle's team has seven state titles in the last nine years with 116 victories in their last 123 games. Tackle LeCharles Bentley anchors the line.

LIMA SENIOR, Lima, OH (13-1)

Spartans seek a repeat state Division I crown after earning the No. 14 ranking in the national prep poll with underclass-dominated squad. All-state defensive back Joe Sellers heads a cast of veterans.

BERWICK, PA (15-0)

Bulldogs will bid for a fourth straight state Class 3A crown and could, with a 40-game victory streak, shoot for state record of 53 in a row. An early-season major hurdle is visit from Ohio power Cleveland St. Ignatius. Anchoring the defensive line for the team ranked No. 10 in the 1996 national prep poll is Penn State recruit Gus Felder, a two-way tackle.

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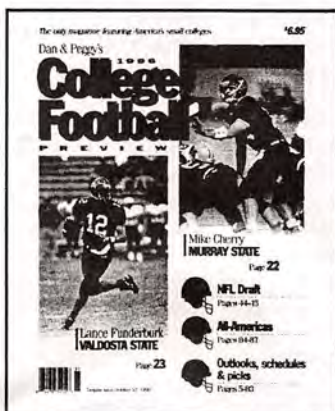
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UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA (7-3)

A four-year starting quarterback, Mac McArdle, leads the Panthers in a bid for their eighth WPIAL Class 4A finals berth in the last 10 seasons. The winningest Western Pennsylvania program in the last decade sports an all-time 37-year mark of 71 percent.

FAIRFIELD CENTRAL, Winnsboro, SC (15-0)

The Golden Griffins set a state record with 653 points last season while winning the state Class 3A title with a team filled with underclassmen. Returnees include touted tight end Chris Thigpen and defensive back Marcus Coleman.

BRENTWOOD ACADEMY, Brentwood, TN (15-0)

Coach Carlton Flatt has compiled a 27-season record of 303-40 with a current winning streak at 30. The Eagles won their 9th state title since 1980 and recorded their sixth unbeaten season in '96 while earning the No. 3 ranking in the final national prep poll. Junior fullback/linebacker Ian Bass is the top returnee.

LEE, Midland, TX (11-1)

West Texas power is coming off an unbeaten regular season and should contend for state honors with a roster featuring running back Josh Norman and tight end Brian Boyd.

JUDSON, Converse, TX (12-2)

The Rockets are simply reloading after coming off a state Class 5A-I runner-up finish last fall. Coach D.W. Rutledge has a 163-21-4 record since 1984, including five state titles and two runner-up spots. The school with 4,000 students is the team to beat in the San Antonio area and probably the Class 5A preseason No. 1 choice. Defensive back Damon Washington and tight end Ronnie Riley are the key returnees.

LAMARQUE, TX (14-2)

The Cougars have advanced to the state Class 4A finals in each of the last four seasons and will be seeking a rare third straight title this fall. A 50-game regular-season win streak ended last year. Two backs top the cast of returnees: Dwayne Goynes and Jauron Reid.

HAMPTON, VA (14-0)

Defending national prep poll champion will be seeking a 15th state title after outscoring foes 819-83 last season. Coach Mike Smith has 271-42-2 record with nine state crowns since 1971. Crabbers are state's winningest team (619). Quarterback Ronald Curry is two-sport All-America who led team to basketball state crown. Tight end Bobby Blizzard is a top prospect.

PUYALLUP, WA (10-1)

Key underclassmen return for this perennial state power, including quarterback Luke Huard and receiver Todd Elstrom, who teamed for 58 completions for 1,329 yards and 13 TDs last season.

O'DEA, Seattle, WA (9-1)

Top performers are back from an Irish team which won 35 straight games before bowing last season. Included are linebacker Carlos Pierre-Antoine, a three-season standout and all-stater, and junior tailback Paul Arnold, who averaged 15 yards a carry and scored 26 TDs and was named national Sophomore of the Year by *Student Sports* magazine.

TOP COLLEGE FRESHMEN

QUARTERBACKS

	hometown	college
Daniel Cobb	Kennesaw, GA	Georgia
Eric Crouch	Omaha, NE	Nebraska
Rohan Davey	Hialeah, FL	LSU
Randy Fasani	Loomis, CA	Stanford
Kenny Kelly	Tampa, FL	Miami
Zak Kustok	Orland Park, IL	Notre Dame
Drew Miller	Tacoma, WA	BYU
Romero Miller	Shannon, MS	Mississippi
Bobby Newcombe	Albuquerque, NM	Nebraska
Tim Olmstead	Woodbury Forest, VA	Florida
Edmund Stansbury	El Paso, TX	UCLA

RUNNING BACKS / DEFENSIVE BACKS

Ravon Anderson	Hoboken, NJ	North Carolina
Fred Booker	Hammond, LA	LSU
James Boyd	Chesapeake, VA	Penn State
Demontray Carter	Pensacola, FL	Auburn
Bo Carroll	Norristown, PA	Florida
Derek Combs	Grove City, OH	Ohio State
Cedric Cormier	Houston, TX	Colorado
Robert Davis	Shreveport, LA	LU
Tony Driver	Louisville, KY	Notre Dame
Omar Easy	Everett, MA	Penn State
Derrick Gibson	Miami, FL	Florida State
Art Gipson	Fontana, CA	Washington
Deon Grant	Augusta, GA	Tennessee
Billy Dee Greenwood	Stamford, CT	North Carolina
Travis Henry	Frostproof, FL	Tennessee
Abdual Howard	Quincy, FL	Florida State
Robert Jackson	Corvallis, OR	Illinois
Darryl Knight	Riverside, CA	USC
Jamal Lewis	Atlanta, GA	Tennessee
Maleafou MacKenzie	Mission Viejo, CA	USC
Darnell McDonald	Englewood, CO	Texas
Travis Minor	Baton Rouge, LA	Florida State
Hodges Mitchell	Dallas, TX	Texas

James Mungro	East Stroudsburg, PA	Syracuse
John Norman	Midland, TX	Texas Tech
Eric Parker	Joliet, IL	Tennessee
Antwaan Randle-EL	Harvey, IL	Indiana
Cooper Rego	New City, NY	Notre Dame
Jasper Sanks	Columbus, GA	Georgia
Antuan Simmons	Sacramento, CA	USC
Anthony Thomas	Winnfield, LA	Michigan
Marques Tuiasopopo	Woodinville, WA	Washington
Joe Walker	Houston, TX	Texas
James Whitley	Norfolk, VA	Michigan
Antoneyo Williams	Tuscaloosa, AL	Alabama
Domonique Williams	Brandywine, MD	North Carolina
Levon Williams	Evansville, IN	Indiana
Antoine Womack	Hampton, VA	Virginia

RECEIVERS

Bruce Branch	Richmond, VA	Penn State
Carver Donaldson	Lakeland, FL	Florida State
Reggie Germany	St. Louis, MO	Ohio State
Antoine Harris	Los Angeles, CA	USC
Chad Irwin	Baytown, TX	Texas
Darrell Jackson	Tampa, FL	Florida
Julius McMillan	Altus, OK	Kansas State
Alvin Morrow	St. Louis, MO	Florida State
Rod Perry Jr.	Santa Ana, CA	USC
Ken-Yon Rambo	Long Beach, CA	Ohio State
Brian Scott	Darlington, SC	South Carolina
Steve Shipp	Charlotte, NC	Florida
Tony Stewart	Allentown, PA	Penn State
Justin Taplin	Tempe, AZ	Arizona State

INTERIOR LINEMEN

Jason Brooks	Cleveland, OH	Michigan
Joe Burton	Greenwich, CT	Syracuse
Jordan Caruso	Medford, NJ	Penn State
Cooley Coleman	Decatur, GA	Tennessee
Leonard Davis	Wortham, TX	Texas

Nate DeArmond	Fort Wayne, IN	Indiana
Char-Ron Dorsey	Tallahassee, FL	Florida State
Tam Hopkins	Winter Park, FL	Ohio State
Sam Matthews	Jacksonville, FL	Alabama
Kareem McKenzie	Willingboro, NJ	Penn State
Terrence Metcalf	Clarksville, MS	Mississippi
Thomas Pittman	Reserve, LA	Auburn
Brian Polak	LaPuente, CA	USC
Tyrone Robertson	Danville, VA	Virginia Tech
Victor Rogers	Federal Way, WA	Colorado
Demetrius Smith	Oak Lawn, IL	Michigan
Kenny Smith	Meridian, MS	Alabama
Kurt Vollers	Anaheim, CA	Notre Dame
Gerald Warren	Lake Butler, FL	Florida
Fred Weary	Montgomery, AL	Tennessee
Maurice Williams	Detroit, MI	Michigan
Adrian Wilson	Jacksonville, AR	Miami

LINEBACKERS / DEFENSIVE ENDS

Lavar Arrington	Pittsburgh, PA	Penn State
Roylin Bradley	LaMarque, TX	Texas A&M
Alex Brown	Jasper, FL	Florida
Courtland Bullard	Miami, FL	Ohio State
Jovon Bush	Ridgeland, SC	Clemson
Travis Carroll	Jacksonville, FL	Alabama
Andre Carter	San Jose, CA	California
Ron Graham	Pittsburgh, PA	Penn State
Jabari Holloway	Tyrone, GA	Notre Dame
Grant Irons	The Woodlands, TX	Notre Dame
DeAngelo Lloyd	Charlotte, NC	Tennessee
Jason Ott	Cincinnati, OH	Ohio State
Jamal Reynolds	Aiken, SC	Florida State
Hubert Thompson	Hillside, IL	Michigan State
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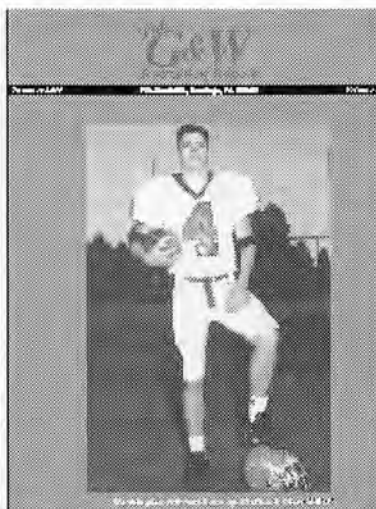
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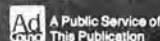


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Kickoff Classic:

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Saturday, August 30

Virginia Tech at Rutgers 12:30 PM (ESPN)

UCLA at Washington State 3:30 PM (ABC)

Texas Tech at Tennessee 7:30 PM (ESPN)

Thursday, September 4

Auburn at Virginia 8:00 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, September 6

East Carolina at W. Virginia 12:30 PM (ESPN)

Georgia Tech at Notre Dame 2:30 PM (NBC)

Pittsburgh at Penn State 3:30 PM (ABC)

Tennessee at UCLA 3:30 PM (ABC)

Washington at BYU 3:30 PM (ABC)

Florida State at USC 8:00 PM (ABC)

Thursday, September 11

Alabama at Vanderbilt 8:00 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, September 13

Colorado at Michigan 12:00 PM (ABC)

W. Virginia at Boston College 12:00 PM (ESPN)

Arizona State at Miami 3:30 PM (CBS)

Illinois at Louisville 3:30 PM (CBS)

Notre Dame at Purdue 3:30 PM (ABC)

South Carolina at Georgia 3:30 PM (CBS)

Syracuse at Virginia Tech 6:00 PM (ESPN)

LSU at Mississippi State 9:00 PM (ESPN)

Thursday, September 18

Miami at Pittsburgh 8:00 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, September 20

Penn State at Louisville 12:00 PM (CBS)

Baylor at Michigan 12:30 PM (ESPN)

Michigan St. at Notre Dame 2:30 PM (NBC)

Arizona at Ohio State 3:30 PM (ABC)

Nebraska at Washington 3:30 PM (ABC)

Tennessee at Florida 3:30 PM (CBS)

Auburn at LSU 7:30 PM (ESPN)

Thursday, September 25

N. Carolina St. at Wake Forest 8:00 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, September 27

Texas at Rice 12:00 PM (ABC)

USC at California 12:00 PM (ABC)

Southern Miss at Alabama 3:30 PM (CBS)

West Virginia at Miami 3:30 PM (CBS)

Thursday, October 2

Utah at Fresno State TBA (ESPN)

Saturday, October 4

Georgia Tech at Boston Col. 3:30 PM (CBS)

Wisconsin at Northwestern 7:00 PM (ESPN)

Thursday, October 9

Syracuse at Rutgers TBA (ESPN)

Saturday, October 11

Georgia at Tennessee 3:30 PM (CBS)

Notre Dame at Pittsburgh 3:30 PM (CBS)

Florida at LSU 7:00 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, October 18

Miami at Boston College 12:00 PM (CBS)

USC at Notre Dame 2:30 PM (NBC)

Florida at Auburn 3:30 PM (CBS)

Michigan St. at Northwestern 3:30 PM (ABC)

Tennessee at Alabama 7:00 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, October 25

Michigan at Michigan State 12:30 PM (ESPN)

Boston Col. at Notre Dame 2:30 PM (NBC)

Northwestern at Ohio State 3:30 PM (ABC)

Florida State at Virginia 7:30 PM (ESPN)

Thursday, October 30

North Carolina at Georgia Tech 8:00 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, November 1

Navy at Notre Dame 2:30 PM (NBC)

West Virginia at Syracuse 7:30 PM (ESPN)

Thursday, November 6

Arkansas at Ole Miss 8:00 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, November 8

LSU at Alabama 3:30 PM (CBS)

Florida State at North Carolina 7:30 PM (ESPN)

Thursday, November 13

Cincinnati at East Carolina 8:00 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, November 15

Notre Dame at LSU 3:30 PM (CBS)

Thursday, November 20

SMU at Texas Christian 8:00 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, November 22

Ohio State at Michigan 12:00 PM (ABC)

West Virginia at Notre Dame 12:30 PM (NBC)

Florida State at Florida 3:30 PM (CBS)

Alabama at Auburn 7:30 PM (ESPN)

Friday, November 28

Texas at Texas A&M 11:00 AM (ABC)

Arkansas at LSU 2:30 PM (CBS)

Nebraska at Colorado 2:30 PM (ABC)

Pittsburgh at West Virginia 2:30 PM (CBS)

Saturday, November 29

Penn St. at Michigan State 12:00 PM (ABC)

Bayou Classic:

Grambling vs. Southern 2:00 PM (NBC)

Syracuse at Miami 3:30 PM (CBS)

Virginia Tech at Virginia TBA (ESPN)

Notre Dame at Hawaii TBA (ESPN)

Saturday, December 6

Army at Navy 12:00 PM (CBS)

WAC Championship 1:00 PM (ABC)

Big 12 Championship 4:30 PM (ABC)

SEC Championship 8:00 PM (ABC)

Saturday, December 13

NCAA Division II Championship TBA (ESPN)

Saturday, December 20

NCAA Division I-AA Championship TBA (ESPN)

Thursday, December 25

Blue-Gray All-Star Classic 12:00 PM (ABC)

Aloha Bowl 3:30 PM (ABC)

Friday, December 26

Motor City Bowl 8:00 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, December 27

Heritage Bowl 3:00 PM (ESPN)

Copper Bowl 8:00 PM (ESPN)

Sunday, December 28

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Monday, December 29

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Holiday Bowl 8:00 PM (ESPN)

Tuesday, December 30

Alamo Bowl 8:00 PM (ESPN)

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Thursday, January 1

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Sunday, January 18

Hula Bowl TBA (ESPN)

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A. 30	Idaho	W	W	
S. 6	at RICE	W		45-17
S. 13	UNLV	W		65-17
S. 20	at COLORADO STATE	W		41-42
S. 27	San Diego State	W	W	23-28
O. 4	Citadel	W	W	10-2
O. 11	at NAVY	W		17-20
O. 18	Fresno State	L		44-38 (OT)
O. 25	at SAN JOSE STATE	L		45-0
N. 1	at HAWAII	W		34-7
N. 8	Army	W		7-23
N. 15	Wyoming	W		19-22

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Nickname: Falcons '96 Record: 6-5

Akron Akron, OH

A. 30	at NEBRASKA	L		
S. 13	at MIAMI (OH)			10-7
S. 20	Bowling Green	L		21-14
S. 27	at LOUISIANA STATE	L		
O. 4	Central Michigan*	W		0-42
O. 11	at MARSHALL*	L		
O. 18	at EASTERN MICHIGAN	L		17-20
O. 25	Ohio	L		14-44
N. 1	at BALL STATE	L		
N. 8	Kent	W		17-32
N. 15	at TOLEDO	L		10-27

Coach: Lee Owens Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Zips '96 Record: 4-7

Alabama Tuscaloosa, AL

A. 30	Houston	W		
S. 11	at VANDERBILT*	W		35-26
S. 20	Arkansas	L		17-7
S. 27	Southern Mississippi	W		20-10
O. 4	at KENTUCKY*	L		35-7
O. 18	Tennessee	W		13-20
O. 25	at MISSISSIPPI	L		37-0
N. 1	Louisiana Tech	L		
N. 8	Louisiana State	L		26-0
N. 15	Mississippi State	L		16-17
N. 22	at AUBURN	L		24-23

Coach: Mike Dubose Colors: Crimson & White
Nickname: Crimson Tide '96 Record: 9-3

Alabama St. Montgomery, AL

A. 31	Jackson State	L		8-50
S. 6	at TEXAS SOUTHERN	L		3-10
S. 20	Alcorn State*	L		7-31
O. 4	at SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	L		16-14
O. 18	Prairie View	W		31-15
N. 8	Grambling	W		0-7
N. 15	at MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	L		20-25

Coach: Houston Markham Colors: Black & Old Gold
Nickname: Hornets '96 Record: 3-8

Ala-Birmingham Birmingham, AL

A. 28	at KANSAS	L		
S. 6	at MEMPHIS	L		
S. 13	at ARIZONA	L		
S. 20	Jacksonville State	W		24-17
S. 27	at SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA	W		39-29
O. 4	Western Kentucky*	W		24-0
O. 11	at CINCINNATI*	L		14-34
N. 1	at VIRGINIA TECH	L		
N. 8	Louisiana Tech	W		31-35
N. 15	Tennessee Tech	W		
N. 22	at ARKANSAS STATE	W		42-17

Coach: Watson Brown Colors: Green, Gold & White
Nickname: Blazers '96 Record: 5-6

Alcorn St. Lorman, MS

A. 30	at TROY STATE*	L		7-61
S. 6	Grambling	L		31-6
S. 13	Western Illinois	L		17-34
S. 20	at ALABAMA STATE*	L		31-7
S. 27	Samford	W		13-14
O. 4	at ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF*	L		19-2
O. 11	Prairie View	W		24-0
O. 18	at TEXAS SOUTHERN*	L		17-28
O. 25	at SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	L		14-21
N. 8	Mississippi Valley	W		9-16
N. 22	at JACKSON STATE	L		17-27

Coach: Cardell Jones Colors: Alcorn Purple & Old Gold
Nickname: Braves '96 Record: 4-7

Appalachian St. Boone, NC

S. 6	at CLEMSON	W		
S. 20	Eastern Kentucky	W		21-14
S. 27	at CITADEL*	W		34-20
O. 4	East Tennessee State	L		10-31
O. 11	at FURMAN	L		14-20
O. 18	Georgia Southern	W		35-28
O. 25	at WOFFORD	W		
N. 1	Tennessee-Chattanooga	W		20-6
N. 8	at VIRGINIA MILITARY	W		26-14
N. 15	Western Carolina	W		24-17
N. 22	Liberty	L		

Coach: Jerry Moore Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Mountaineers '96 Record: 7-4

Arizona Tucson, AZ

S. 13	Alabama-Birmingham	W		
S. 20	at OHIO STATE	L		
S. 27	at UCLA	L		35-17
O. 4	San Diego State	W		
O. 11	Stanford	W		
O. 18	Washington	L		17-31
O. 25	at WASHINGTON STATE	L		34-26
N. 1	at OREGON	L		31-49
N. 8	Oregon State	W		33-7
N. 15	California	W		55-56 (OT)
N. 28	at ARIZONA STATE	W		14-56

Coach: Dick Tomey Colors: Cardinal & Navy
Nickname: Wildcats '96 Record: 5-6

Arizona St. Tempe, AZ

S. 13	New Mexico State	W		
S. 13	at MIAMI (FL)	W		
S. 20	Brigham Young	W		
S. 27	at OREGON STATE	L		29-14
O. 4	at WASHINGTON	L		45-42
O. 11	Southern California	W		48-35 (OT)
O. 18	at STANFORD	W		41-9
N. 1	Washington State	W		
N. 8	at CALIFORNIA	W		35-7
N. 15	Oregon	W		48-27
N. 28	Arizona	L		56-14

Coach: Bruce Snyder Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Sun Devils '96 Record: 11-0

Arkansas Fayetteville, AR

S. 6	Northeast Louisiana	W	38-21
S. 13	at SOUTHERN METHODIST	L	10-23
S. 20	at ALABAMA	L	7-17
S. 27	Louisiana Tech	W	38-21
O. 4	at FLORIDA	L	7-42
O. 18	South Carolina	L	17-23
O. 25	Auburn	L	7-28
N. 6	at MISSISSIPPI	L	13-7
N. 15	Tennessee	L	14-55
N. 22	Mississippi State	W	16-13 (OT)
N. 29	at LOUISIANA STATE	L	7-17

Auburn Auburn, AL		
S. 4	at VIRGINIA*	45-28
S. 13	Mississippi	15-19
S. 20	at LOUISIANA STATE	15-19
S. 27	Central Florida	28-24
O. 4	at SOUTH CAROLINA	10-51
O. 11	Louisiana Tech	28-7
O. 18	Florida	49-15
O. 25	at ARKANSAS	49-56 (OT)
N. 1	Mississippi State	23-24
N. 15	at GEORGIA	
N. 22	Alabama	

Coach: Terry Bowden **Colors:** Burnt Orange & Navy Blue **Nickname:** Tigers '96 Record: 7-4

Austin Peay Clarksville, TN		
S. 6	at MOREHEAD STATE*	10-12
S. 13	Samford*	10-24
S. 20	at WESTERN KENTUCKY	10-24
S. 27	at EASTERN KENTUCKY	17-23
O. 4	Tennessee Tech	7-51
O. 11	at MURRAY STATE	7-42
O. 25	at EASTERN ILLINOIS	13-17
N. 1	Southeast Missouri State	14-50
N. 8	at MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	55-24
N. 15	Tennessee-Martin	

Coach: Bill Schmitz **Colors:** Red & White **Nickname:** Governors '96 Record: 1-10

Ball St. Muncie, IN		
A. 30	at MIAMI (OH)	0-16
S. 6	James Madison	28-5
S. 13	at INDIANA	24-17
S. 20	at PURDUE	24-17
S. 27	Marshall	24-17
O. 4	at WESTERN MICHIGAN	24-17
O. 11	at EASTERN MICHIGAN	24-17
O. 18	Central Michigan	24-17
O. 25	at NORTHERN ILLINOIS	24-14
N. 1	Akron	
N. 8	Toledo	

Coach: Bill Lynch **Colors:** Cardinal & White **Nickname:** Cardinals '96 Record: 8-3

Baylor Waco, TX		
A. 30	Miami (FL)	24-45
S. 6	at FRESNO STATE	24-28
S. 13	at MICHIGAN	49-21
S. 20	at TEXAS TECH	23-28
S. 27	Nebraska*	7-24
O. 4	at OKLAHOMA	42-49 (OT)
O. 18	at IOWA STATE	17-37
O. 25	N. 1 Texas	
N. 8	at TEXAS A&M	
N. 15	at MISSOURI	
N. 22	Oklahoma State	

Coach: Dave Roberts **Colors:** Green & Gold **Nickname:** Bears '96 Record: 4-7

Bethune-Cookman Daytona Beach, FL		
S. 6	at MORRIS BROWN	23-16
S. 13	Morgan State	6-13
S. 20	Fayetteville State	21-42
S. 27	Cheyney*	12-34
O. 4	at DELAWARE STATE	21-61
O. 11	Howard	18-20
O. 18	South Carolina State	7-73
O. 25	N. 1 North Carolina A&T	24-38
N. 8	Hampton	29-41
N. 15	at NORFOLK STATE	7-41
N. 22	Florida A&M	

Coach: Jack McClairn **Colors:** Maroon & Gold **Nickname:** Wildcats '96 Record: 2-9

Boise St. Boise, ID		
A. 30	Cal State Northridge	21-42
S. 6	at WISCONSIN	33-32
S. 13	at CENTRAL MICHIGAN	27-30
S. 20	Weber State*	14-39
S. 27	at WASHINGTON STATE	28-66
O. 11	New Mexico State	19-64
O. 18	at NORTH TEXAS	
O. 25	Louisiana Tech	
N. 1	at UTAH STATE	
N. 8	Nevada	
N. 22	at IDAHO	

Coach: Houston Nutt **Colors:** Blue & Orange **Nickname:** Broncos '96 Record: 2-10

Boston College Chestnut Hill, MA		
S. 6	at TEMPLE	21-20
S. 13	West Virginia	17-34
S. 20	at RUTGERS	37-13
S. 27	Cincinnati	24-17
O. 4	Georgia Tech	7-45
O. 11	at VIRGINIA TECH	26-43
O. 18	Miami (FL)	21-48
O. 25	at NOTRE DAME	13-20
N. 1	Pittsburgh	17-45
N. 8	at SYRACUSE	
N. 22	Army	

Coach: Tom O'Brien **Colors:** Maroon & Gold **Nickname:** Eagles '96 Record: 5-7

Boston University Boston, MA		
S. 6	at HOFSTRA	16-9
S. 13	Youngstown State	1-10
S. 20	at WILLIAM & MARY	16-50
S. 27	Delaware	7-38
O. 4	at MAINE	8-45
O. 11	Northeastern	3-10
O. 18	at CONNECTICUT	10-45
O. 25	N. 1 Massachusetts	12-43
N. 8	at NEW HAMPSHIRE	10-31
N. 15	at JAMES MADISON	7-38
N. 22		

Coach: Tom Masella **Colors:** Scarlet & White **Nickname:** Terriers '96 Record: 1-10

Bowling Green Bowling Green, OH		
A. 30	at LOUISIANA TECH*	14-10
S. 6	Miami (OH)	14-21
S. 13	at OHIO STATE	13-16 (OT)
S. 20	at AKRON	0-38
S. 27	at KANSAS STATE	16-24
O. 4	Northern Illinois	31-24
O. 11	Western Michigan	
O. 18	at OHIO	
O. 25	Toledo	
N. 1	at KENT	
N. 8	at MARSHALL	

Coach: Gary Blackney **Colors:** Brown & Orange **Nickname:** Falcons '96 Record: 4-7

Brigham Young Provo, UT		
S. 6	Washington	17-29
S. 13	at ARIZONA STATE*	31-3
S. 20	at SOUTHERN METHODIST	45-17
S. 27	Utah State*	49-0
O. 4	at RICE	45-14
O. 11	Hawaii	45-21
O. 18	at UTEP	40-18
O. 25	Texas Christian	55-30
N. 1	at TULSA	17-14
N. 8	at NEW MEXICO	37-17
N. 15	Utah	
N. 22		

Coach: LaVell Edwards **Colors:** Blue & White **Nickname:** Cougars '96 Record: 13-1

Brown Providence, RI		
S. 6	at YALE	0-30
S. 13	Lafayette	27-14
S. 20	at FORDHAM	27-23
S. 27	Princeton	13-28
O. 4	at RHOODE ISLAND	27-21
O. 11	at PENNSYLVANIA	35-21
O. 18	N. 1 Cornell	31-7
O. 25	at HARVARD	24-27
N. 1	at DARTMOUTH	27-31
N. 8	Columbia	
N. 15		
N. 22		

Coach: Mark Whipple **Colors:** Brown, Red & White **Nickname:** Bears '96 Record: 5-5

Bucknell Lewisburg, PA		
S. 6	Duquesne	7-23
S. 13	at LAFAYETTE	21-30 (OT)
S. 20	Pennsylvania	7-30
S. 27	at HARVARD	21-23
O. 4	at YALE	51-17
O. 11	at FORDHAM	38-7
O. 18	Holy Cross	7-6
O. 25	N. 1 Lehigh	44-7
N. 1	at ST. MARY'S (CA)	28-27 (OT)
N. 8	at TOWSON STATE	
N. 15	at COLGATE	
N. 22		

Coach: Tom Gadd **Colors:** Blue & Orange **Nickname:** Bison '96 Record: 6-5

Buffalo Buffalo, NY		
A. 30	Lock Haven*	41-35
S. 6	at ILLINOIS STATE*	
S. 13	Delaware State	
S. 20	at OHIO*	
S. 27	West Chester	3-20
O. 4	at CONNECTICUT	6-17
O. 11	at YOUNGSTOWN STATE	20-41
O. 18	Massachusetts	20-41
O. 25	Hofstra	35-31
N. 8	Maine	
N. 15	at VILLANOVA	

Coach: Craig Cirbus **Colors:** Royal Blue & White **Nickname:** Bulls '96 Record: 8-3

Butler Indianapolis, IN		
S. 6	at HOWARD PAYNE	0-38
S. 13	Robert Morris	6-34
S. 20	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	34-3
S. 27	Clinch Valley	29-50
O. 4	at DAYTON*	33-31
O. 11	at SAN DIEGO	7-51
O. 18	Valparaiso	0-49
O. 25	at EVANSVILLE	
N. 8	Drake	
N. 15	St. Joseph's (IN)	

Coach: Ken LaRose **Colors:** Blue & White **Nickname:** Bulldogs '96 Record: 3-7

Cal Poly SLO San Luis Obispo, CA		
S. 6	at CALIFORNIA-DAVIS*	17-13
S. 13	Western Montana	34-33
S. 20	Western New Mexico	10-1
S. 27	at ST. MARY'S (CA)	20-37
O. 4	at NEW MEXICO STATE	48-28
O. 11	Simon Fraser	
O. 18	Northern Iowa	
O. 25	at LIBERTY	
N. 1	at MONTANA STATE	
N. 8	Dayton	
N. 15	at CAL STATE-SACRAMENTO	
N. 22		

Coach: Larry Welsh **Colors:** Green & Gold **Nickname:** Mustangs '96 Record: 5-6

Cal St. Northridge Northridge, CA		
A. 30	at BOISE STATE	33-0
S. 6	at NEW MEXICO STATE	46-14
S. 13	at PORTLAND STATE	35-28
S. 20	Weber State*	17-24
S. 27	at MONTANA STATE	52-17
O. 4	at CAL STATE-SACRAMENTO	36-43
O. 11	at MONTANA	42-40
O. 18	N. 1 at EASTERN WASHINGTON	49-27
O. 25	at IOWA STATE	14-32
N. 1	at MONTANA STATE	
N. 8	at CAL POLY SLO	
N. 15		
N. 22		

Coach: Jim Fenwick **Colors:** Red, White & Black **Nickname:** Matadors '96 Record: 7-4

Cal St.-Sacramento Sacramento, CA		
S. 4	at SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE*	27-24
S. 13	California-Davis*	17-35
S. 20	at MONTANA	14-44
S. 27	Idaho State*	34-51
O. 4	at EASTERN WASHINGTON	32-51
O. 11	Northern Arizona	17-52
O. 18	at CAL STATE NORTH RIDGE	31-38
O. 25	N. 1 Portland State	31-41
N. 1	at WEBER STATE	14-49
N. 8	at MONTANA STATE	28-48
N. 15	at CAL POLY SLO	
N. 22		

Coach: Mike Clemons **Colors:** Green & Gold **Nickname:** Hornets '96 Record: 1-10

California Berkeley, CA		
S. 6	at HOUSTON	22-15
S. 13	Oklahoma	18-21
S. 20	Southern California	29-38
S. 27	at LOUISIANA TECH*	48-42 (OT)
O. 4	Washington	7-35
O. 11	at WASHINGTON STATE	56-55 (OT)
O. 18	at UCL	21-42
O. 25	N. 1 Oregon State	
N. 1	Arizona State	
N. 8	at ARIZONA	
N. 15	at STANFORD	
N. 22		

Coach: Tom Holmoe **Colors:** Blue & Gold **Nickname:** Golden Bears '96 Record: 6-5

Canisius Buffalo, NY		
S. 13	Gannon*	21-0
S. 20	at ST. PETER'S	12-7
S. 27	at SIENA	25-7
O. 4	Iona	42-0
O. 11	Georgetown	0-24
O. 18	Alfred	21-0
O. 25	Fairfield	28-41
N. 1	at ST. JOHN'S (NY)	6-9
N. 8	Marist	3-20
N. 15	at DUQUESNE	

Coach: Chuck Williams **Colors:** Blue & Gold **Nickname:** Golden Griffins '96 Record: 5-4

Central Conn. St. New Britain, CT		
S. 6	Albany (NY)	16-21
S. 12	at ST. JOHN'S (NY)	6-24
S. 20	Frostburg State	13-35
S. 27	Robert Morris	42-19
O. 4	at FAIRFIELD	28-14
O. 11	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	49-41
O. 18	at WAGNER	
O. 25	at LA SALLE	
N. 8	Southern Connecticut State	14-56
N. 15	Monmouth (NJ)	27-33

Coach: Sal Cintorio **Colors:** Blue & White **Nickname:** Blue Devils '96 Record: 3-7

Central Florida Orlando, FL		
A. 30	at MISSISSIPPI*	14-33
S. 6	at SOUTH CAROLINA*	56
S. 13	at NEBRASKA	38-6
S. 20	Idaho*	38-39
S. 27	at AUBURN	15
O. 4	at KENT	
O. 11	Samford	
O. 18	at MISSISSIPPI STATE	
O. 25	N. 1 at NORTHEAST LOUISIANA	
N. 1	Eastern Michigan	
N. 15	Toledo	
N. 22		

Coach: Gene McDowell **Colors:** Gold & Black **Nickname:** Golden Knights '96 Record: 5-6

Central Michigan Mt. Pleasant, MI		
A. 28	Northern Illinois*	29
S. 6	at FLORIDA*	42-21
S. 13	Boise State	37-38
S. 20	at LOUISIANA TECH*	41-36
S. 27	Eastern Michigan	42-0
O. 4	at AKRON*	20-23
O. 11	Toledo	17-24
O. 18	at BALL STATE	52-51
O. 25	at KENT*	
N. 1	Marshall	
N. 8	at WESTERN MICHIGAN	38-28

Coach: Dick Flynn **Colors:** Maroon & Gold **Nickname:** Chippewas '96 Record: 5-6

Charleston Southern Charleston, SC		
A. 28	at EAST TENNESSEE STATE*	26-34
S. 6	at SOUTH CAROLINA STATE*	46-23
S. 13	Presbyterian	6-35
S. 20	Tusculum	7-38
S. 27	Catawba	
O. 4	at NEWBERRY*	
O. 11	Sue Bennett	
O. 18	Liberty	
O. 25	N. 1 at SOUTH FLORIDA	
N. 1	at MOREHEAD STATE	
N. 8	at WOFFORD	
N. 15		
N. 22		

Coach: David Dowd **Colors:** Blue & Gold **Nickname:** Buccaneers '96 Record: 2-8

Chattanooga Chattanooga, TN		
S. 6	Tennessee Tech	9-16
S. 13	Middle Tennessee State	23-21
S. 20	at GEORGIA SOUTHERN	14-28
S. 27	at WOFFORD	20-6
O. 4	at VIRGINIA MILITARY	6-20
O. 11	Tennessee State	13-16
O. 18	Western Carolina	24-28
O. 25	N. 1 at APPALACHIAN STATE	21-42
N. 1	Citadel	
N. 8	at EAST TENNESSEE STATE	
N. 15	Furman	
N. 22		

Coach: Buddy Green **Colors:** Navy Blue & Gold **Nickname:** Mocs '96 Record: 3-8

Cincinnati Cincinnati, OH

A. 28	Tulsa	W	
S. 6	at TULANE	W	14-34
S. 20	Kansas	W	
S. 27	at BOSTON COLLEGE	W	17-24
O. 4	Memphis	W	16-18
O. 11	Alabama-Birmingham	W	34-14
O. 18	at HOUSTON	W	31-20
O. 25	at MIAMI (OH)	W	30-23 (OT)
N. 1	Southern Mississippi	W	17-21
N. 8	Louisville	W	10-7
N. 15	at EAST CAROLINA	W	24-10

Coach: Rick Minter **Colors:** Red & Black
Nickname: Bearcats '96 Record: 6-5

Citadel Charleston, SC

S. 6	Morgan State	W	
S. 13	South Florida	W	65-14
S. 20	at WESTERN CAROLINA	W	28-14
S. 27	Appalachian State	W	20-34
O. 4	at AIR FORCE	W	
O. 11	at EAST TENNESSEE STATE	W	20-41
O. 18	Furman	W	25-35
O. 25	at GEORGIA SOUTHERN	W	35-20
N. 1	Wofford	W	21-26
N. 8	at TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA	W	16-13
N. 15	Virginia Military	W	27-34 (OT)

Coach: Don Powers **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Bulldogs '96 Record: 4-7

Clemson Clemson, SC

S. 6	Appalachian State	W	
S. 13	at NORTH CAROLINA STATE	W	40-17
S. 20	Florida State	W	3-34
S. 27	at GEORGIA TECH	W	28-25
O. 4	UTEP	W	
O. 11	Virginia	W	24-16
O. 25	at MARYLAND	W	35-3
N. 1	at WAKE FOREST	W	21-10
N. 8	Duke	W	13-6
N. 15	North Carolina	W	0-45
N. 22	at SOUTH CAROLINA	W	31-34

Coach: Tommy West **Colors:** Purple & Orange
Nickname: Tigers '96 Record: 7-4

Colgate Hamilton, NY

S. 6	Richmond	W	0-13
S. 20	Fordham	W	34-13
S. 27	at CORNELL	W	31-21
O. 4	Lehigh	W	30-23
O. 11	at LAFAYETTE	W	40-9
O. 18	Princeton	W	
O. 25	at ARMY	W	
N. 1	at HOLY CROSS	W	21-38
N. 8	Towson State	W	35-10
N. 15	at NAVY	W	
N. 22	Bucknell	W	27-28 (OT)

Coach: Dick Biddle **Colors:** Maroon & White
Nickname: Red Raiders '96 Record: 6-5

Colorado Boulder, CO

S. 6	Colorado State	W	48-34
S. 13	at MICHIGAN	W	13-20
S. 27	Wyoming	W	
O. 4	Texas A&M	W	24-10
O. 11	at OKLAHOMA STATE	W	35-13
O. 18	Kansas	W	20-7
O. 25	at TEXAS	W	28-24
N. 1	Missouri	W	41-13
N. 8	at IOWA STATE	W	49-42
N. 15	at KANSAS STATE	W	12-0
N. 22	Nebraska	W	12-17

Coach: Rick Neuheisel **Colors:** Silver, Gold & Black
Nickname: Buffaloes '96 Record: 9-2

Colorado St. Fort Collins, CO

A. 30	Nevada	W	
S. 6	at COLORADO	W	34-48
S. 13	at UTAH STATE	W	
S. 20	Air Force	W	42-41
O. 4	Hawaii	W	28-16
O. 11	at SAN JOSE STATE	W	36-13
O. 18	at WYOMING	W	24-25
O. 25	Tulsa	W	14-20
N. 1	at UNLV	W	35-16
N. 8	Fresno State	W	42-20
N. 22	at SAN DIEGO STATE	W	27-18

Coach: Sonny Lubick **Colors:** Green & Gold
Nickname: Rams '96 Record: 7-5

Columbia New York, NY

S. 20	at HARVARD	W	20-13 (OT)
S. 27	Towson State	W	
O. 4	at LAFAYETTE	W	3-0
O. 11	Holy Cross	W	42-16
O. 18	Pennsylvania	W	20-19 (OT)
O. 25	Yale	W	13-10
N. 1	Princeton	W	11-14
N. 8	Dartmouth	W	0-40
N. 15	at CORNELL	W	24-10
N. 22	at BROWN	W	31-27

Coach: Ray Tellier **Colors:** Columbia Blue & White
Nickname: Lions '96 Record: 8-2

Connecticut Storrs, CT

S. 13	Northeastern	W	21-19
S. 20	at HOFSTRA	W	16-24
S. 27	at YALE	W	42-6
O. 4	Buffalo	W	20-3
O. 11	at MAINE	W	16-17
O. 18	William & Mary	W	
O. 25	at RHODE ISLAND	W	
N. 1	Boston University	W	45-10
N. 8	at DELAWARE	W	
N. 15	Massachusetts@	W	38-39
N. 22	New Hampshire	W	13-21
	@ Al Bermuda		

Coach: Skip Holtz **Colors:** National Flag Blue & White
Nickname: Huskies '96 Record: 4-6

Cornell Ithaca, NY

S. 20	Princeton	W	33-27
S. 27	at COLGATE	W	21-31
O. 4	at DARTMOUTH	W	21-38
O. 11	Harvard	W	20-13
O. 18	Lafayette	W	19-30
O. 25	at FORDHAM	W	
N. 1	at BROWN	W	21-35
N. 8	Yale	W	28-20
N. 15	Columbia	W	10-24
N. 22	at PENNSYLVANIA	W	24-21

Coach: Jim Hoffer **Colors:** Red & White
Nickname: Big Red '96 Record: 4-6

Dartmouth Hanover, NH

S. 20	at PENNSYLVANIA	W	24-22
S. 27	at HOLY CROSSES	W	35-7
O. 4	Cornell	W	39-21
O. 11	at FORDHAM	W	20-7
O. 18	at YALE	W	40-6
O. 25	Lehigh	W	21-14
N. 1	Harvard	W	6-3
N. 8	at COLUMBIA	W	40-0
N. 15	Brown	W	27-24
N. 22	Princeton	W	24-0

Coach: John Lyons **Colors:** Dartmouth Green & White
Nickname: Big Green '96 Record: 10-0

Davidson Davidson, NC

S. 13	Maryville (TN)	W	24-14
S. 20	University of the South	W	15-17
S. 27	at EMORY & HENRY	W	52-24
O. 4	at GUILFORD	W	13-10
O. 11	at WASHINGTON & LEE	W	23-12
O. 18	Methodist	W	13-42
O. 25	at RANDOLPH-MACON	W	24-31
N. 1	Hampden-Sydney	W	24-21
N. 8	at CENTRE	W	42-21
N. 15	Bridgewater (VA)	W	27-24
N. 22	at SOUTH FLORIDA	W	

Coach: Tim Landis **Colors:** Red & Black
Nickname: Wildcats '96 Record: 6-4

Dayton Dayton, OH

S. 6	at GEORGETOWN	W	
S. 13	Monmouth (NJ)	W	
S. 20	at ROBERT MORRIS	W	31-21
S. 27	at MOREHEAD STATE	W	52-6
O. 4	Butler	W	30-10
O. 11	at DRAKE	W	19-16
O. 18	San Diego	W	40-34
O. 25	Valparaiso	W	37-35
N. 1	Evansville	W	42-0
N. 15	at CAL POLY SLO	W	

Coach: Mike Kelly **Colors:** Red & Blue
Nickname: Flyers '96 Record: 11-0

Delaware Newmark, DE

S. 6	at NEW HAMPSHIRE	W	
S. 13	Villanova	W	0-27
S. 20	West Chester	W	24-17
S. 27	at NORTHEASTERN	W	24-14
O. 4	at BOSTON UNIVERSITY	W	50-16
O. 11	Richmond	W	14-7
O. 18	at JAMES MADISON	W	27-13
O. 25	at MASSACHUSETTS	W	
N. 1	William & Mary	W	7-10 (OT)
N. 8	Connecticut	W	
N. 15	at LEHIGH	W	49-7

Coach: Harold Raymond **Colors:** Royal Blue & Gold
Nickname: Fightin' Blue Hens '96 Record: 8-4

Delaware State Dover, DE

S. 6	at CHEYNEY	W	
S. 13	at BUFFALO	W	3-8
S. 20	Norfolk State	W	23-27
S. 27	Liberty	W	7-27
O. 4	Bethune-Cookman	W	34-12
O. 18	at FLORIDA A&M	W	26-47
O. 25	Morgan State	W	35-14
N. 1	at SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	W	14-34
N. 8	at NORTH CAROLINA A&T	W	6-31
N. 15	at HAMPTON	W	7-37
N. 22	Howard	W	23-48

Coach: John McKenzie **Colors:** Columbia Blue & Red
Nickname: Hornets '96 Record: 3-8

Drake Des Moines, IA

S. 6	at MORNINGSIDES	W	32-26
S. 13	St. Norbert	W	31-0
S. 20	at SOUTH FLORIDA	W	
S. 27	at VALPARAISO	W	27-12
O. 4	at WAYNE STATE (MI)	W	54-41
O. 11	Dayton	W	16-19
O. 18	Evansville	W	56-34
O. 25	at SAN DIEGO	W	34-7
N. 1	Aurora	W	43-13
N. 8	at BUTLER	W	51-7
N. 15	Northwestern (IA)	W	6-13

Coach: Rob Ash **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Bulldogs '96 Record: 8-3

Duke Durham, NC

S. 6	North Carolina State	W	22-44
S. 13	at NORTHWESTERN	W	13-38
S. 20	Army	W	17-35
S. 27	Navy	W	27-64
O. 4	at MARYLAND	W	19-22
O. 11	Florida State	W	7-44
O. 18	at VIRGINIA	W	3-27
O. 25	Wake Forest	W	16-17
N. 8	at CLEMSON	W	6-13
N. 15	Georgia Tech	W	22-48
N. 22	at NORTH CAROLINA	W	10-27

Coach: Fred Goldsmith **Colors:** Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Blue Devils '96 Record: 0-11

Duquesne Pittsburgh, PA

S. 6	at BUCKNELL	W	
S. 13	St. Francis (PA)	W	52-14
S. 20	Siena	W	28-20
O. 4	at MARIST	W	30-17
O. 11	at FAIRFIELD	W	52-7
O. 18	St. John's (NY)	W	36-9
O. 25	at GEORGETOWN	W	15-0
N. 1	at IONA	W	45-14
N. 8	St. Peter's	W	48-9
N. 15	Canisius	W	20-3

Coach: Greg Gattuso **Colors:** Red & Blue
Nickname: Dukes '96 Record: 10-1

East Carolina Greenville, NC

S. 6	at WEST VIRGINIA	W	9-10
S. 13	Wake Forest	W	
S. 20	South Carolina	W	23-7
O. 4	at SYRACUSE	W	
O. 11	Southern Mississippi	W	7-28
O. 18	at TULANE	W	
O. 25	Memphis	W	20-10
N. 1	at LOUISVILLE	W	
N. 8	at HOUSTON	W	
N. 15	Cincinnati	W	
N. 22	at NORTH CAROLINA STATE	W	50-29

Coach: Steve Logan **Colors:** Purple & Gold
Nickname: Pirates '96 Record: 8-3

East Tenn. St. Johnson City, TN

A. 28	Charleston Southern	W	
S. 6	Elon	W	7-24
S. 13	at JAMES MADISON	W	
S. 27	Western Carolina	W	49-10
O. 4	at APPALACHIAN STATE	W	31-10
O. 11	Citadel	W	41-20
O. 25	at FURMAN	W	21-19
N. 1	Georgia Southern	W	17-14
N. 8	at WOFFORD	W	
N. 15	Tennessee-Chattanooga	W	28-24
N. 22	at VIRGINIA MILITARY	W	38-0

Coach: Paul Hamilton **Colors:** Navy Blue & Old Gold
Nickname: Buccaneers '96 Record: 9-3

Eastern Illinois Charleston, IL

A. 28	at WESTERN ILLINOIS	W	7-10
S. 6	Tennessee-Martin	W	38-0
S. 13	St. Joseph's (IN)	W	
S. 20	at ILLINOIS STATE	W	
S. 27	at TENNESSEE TECH	W	35-27
O. 4	at SE MISSOURI STATE	W	41-21
O. 18	Middle Tennessee State	W	24-31
O. 25	Austin Peay	W	42-7
N. 1	at INDIANA STATE	W	35-16
N. 8	at MURRAY STATE	W	28-35
N. 22	Eastern Kentucky	W	45-21

Coach: Bob Spoo **Colors:** Blue & Gray
Nickname: Panthers '96 Record: 8-4

Eastern Kentucky Richmond, KY

S. 6	at TROY STATE	W	38-40
S. 13	Western Kentucky	W	7-14
S. 20	at APPALACHIAN STATE	W	14-21
S. 27	Austin Peay	W	24-10
O. 11	at TENNESSEE STATE	W	30-10
O. 18	at MURRAY STATE	W	14-17
O. 25	Tennessee Tech	W	28-7
N. 1	Tennessee-Martin	W	45-7
N. 8	at SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE	W	45-0
N. 15	Middle Tennessee State	W	20-13
N. 22	at EASTERN ILLINOIS	W	21-45

Coach: Roy Kidd **Colors:** Maroon & White
Nickname: Colonels '96 Record: 6-5

Eastern Michigan Ypsilanti, MI

S. 6	at MISSOURI	W	
S. 13	at TOLEDO	W	7-24
S. 20	Kent	W	51-10
S. 27	at CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W	56-41
O. 4	Ohio	W	10-7
O. 11	Ball State	W	25-39
O. 18	Akron	W	20-17
O. 25	at MARSHALL	W	
N. 1	Western Michigan	W	19-12
N. 8	at NORTHERN ILLINOIS	W	
N. 15	at CENTRAL FLORIDA	W	

Fairfield Fairfield, CT

S. 6	at LA SALLE	W	
S. 20	St. John's (NY)	W	22-43
S. 27	at GEORGETOWN	W	14-59
O. 4	Central Connecticut State	W	19-42
O. 11	Duquesne	W	7-52
O. 18	Marist	W	3-34
O. 25	at CANISIUS	W	19-21
N. 1	Siena	W	7-45
N. 8	at IONA	W	27-0
N. 15	at ST. PETER'S	W	13-17

Coach: Kevin Kiesel **Colors:** Scarlet & White
Nickname: Stags '96 Record: 1-8

Florida Gainesville, FL

A. 30	Southern Mississippi	W	
S. 6	Central Michigan	W	
S. 20	Tennessee	W	35-29
S. 27	at KENTUCKY	W	65-0
O. 4	Arkansas	W	42-7
O. 11	at LOUISIANA STATE	W	56-13
O. 18	at AUBURN	W	51-10
N. 1	Georgia	W	47-7
N. 8	Vanderbilt	W	28-21
N. 15	at SOUTH CAROLINA	W	52-25
N. 22	Florida State	W	21-24
	@ At Jacksonville, FL	W	

Coach: Steve Spurrier **Colors:** Orange & Blue
Nickname: Gators '96 Record: 11-10-2

Florida A&M Tallahassee, FL

A. 30	Tennessee State	W	35-20
S. 20	Jackson State	W	9-16
S. 27	at HOWARD	W	21-20
O. 4	at HAMPTON	W	59-58 (OT)
O. 11	at NORTH CAROLINA A&T	W	24-23
O. 18	Delaware State	W	47-26
N. 1	at MORGAN STATE	W	83-12
N. 8	Southern University	W	17-21
N. 15	at SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	W	20-6
N. 22	at BETHUNE-COOKMAN	W	41-7

Coach: Billy Joe **Colors:** Orange & Green
Nickname: Rattlers '96 Record: 9-3

Florida St. Tallahassee, FL

S. 6	at SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	W	
S. 13	Maryland	W	48-10
S. 20	at CLEMSON	W	34-3
O. 4	Miami (FL)	W	34-16
O. 11	at DUKE	W	44-7
O. 18	Georgia Tech	W	49-3
O. 25	at VIRGINIA	W	31-24
N. 1	North Carolina State	W	51-17
N. 8	at NORTH CAROLINA	W	13-0
N. 15	Wake Forest	W	44-7
N. 22	at FLORIDA	W	24-21

Coach: Bobby Bowden **Colors:** Garnet & Gold
Nickname: Seminoles '96 Record: 11-0

Fordham Bronx, NY

S. 13	Lehigh	W	14-20
S. 20	at COLGATE	W	13-34
S. 27	Princeton	W	
O. 4	Brown	W	14-27
O. 11	Dartmouth	W	7-20
O. 18	Bucknell	W	17-51
O. 25	Cornell	W	
N. 1	Towson State	W	
N. 8	at LAFAYETTE	W	
N. 15	at GEORGETOWN	W	46-6
N. 22	at HOLY CROSS	W	28-0

Coach: Nick Quarato **Colors:** Maroon & White
Nickname: Rams '96 Record: 2-8

Fresno St. Fresno, CA

A. 30	Portland State	W	
S. 6	Baylor	W	
S. 13	at OKLAHOMA STATE	W	
S. 20	at OREGON	W	27-30 (OT)
O. 4	Utah	W	17-45
O. 11	at HAWAII	W	20-0
O. 18	at AIR FORCE	W	38-44 (OT)
O. 25	UNLV	W	34-23
N. 1	at SAN JOSE STATE	W	28-18
N. 8	at COLORADO STATE	W	20-42
N. 15	San Diego State	W	21-31
N. 22	Wyoming	W	21-42

Coach: Pat Hill **Colors:** Cardinal & Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs '96 Record: 4-7

Furman Greenville, SC

S. 6	at SAMFORD	W	
S. 13	at SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	W	27-13
S. 27	Virginia Military	W	31-14
O. 4	at WESTERN CAROLINA	W	45-30
O. 11	Appalachian State	W	20-14
O. 18	at CITADEL	W	35-25
O. 25	East Tennessee State	W	19-21
N. 1	Elon	W	21-14
N. 8	at GEORGIA SOUTHERN	W	21-14
N. 15	Wofford	W	33-3
N. 22	at TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA	W	42-21

Coach: Bobby Johnson **Colors:** Purple & White
Nickname: Paladins '96 Record: 9-4

Georgetown Washington, DC

S. 6	Dayton	W	
S. 13	at MARIST	W	31-14
S. 20	at HOLY CROSS	W	36-45
S. 27	Fairfield	W	59-14
O. 4	Siena	W	43-6
O. 11	at CANISIUS	W	24-0
O. 18	at IONA	W	20-0
O. 25	Duquesne	W	0-15
O. 31	at ST. PETER'S	W	61-14
N. 8	St. John's (NY)	W	23-13
N. 15	Fordham	W	6-46

Coach: Bob Benson **Colors:** Blue & Gray
Nickname: Hoyas '96 Record: 7-3

Georgia Athens, GA

A. 30	Arkansas State	W	
S. 13	South Carolina	W	14-23
S. 20	Northeast Louisiana	W	
O. 4	Mississippi State	W	38-19
O. 11	at TENNESSEE	W	17-29
O. 18	at VANDERBILT	W	13-2
O. 25	Kentucky	W	17-24
N. 1	at FLORIDA	W	7-47
N. 15	Auburn	W	56-49 (OT)
N. 22	Mississippi	W	27-31
N. 29	at GEORGIA TECH	W	19-10
	@ At Jacksonville, FL	W	

Coach: Jim Donnan **Colors:** Red & Black
Nickname: Bulldogs '96 Record: 5-6

Georgia Southern Statesboro, GA

A. 30	Valdosta State	W	
S. 6	William & Mary	W	
S. 20	at WOFFORD	W	
S. 27	Tennessee-Chattanooga	W	21-23
O. 4	at VIRGINIA MILITARY	W	20-17
O. 11	Western Carolina	W	38-28
O. 18	at APPALACHIAN STATE	W	28-35
O. 25	Citadel	W	20-35
N. 1	at EAST TENNESSEE STATE	W	14-17
N. 8	Furman	W	14-21
N. 15	at SOUTH FLORIDA	W	
	@ At San Jose, CA	W	

Coach: Paul Johnson **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Eagles '96 Record: 4-7

Georgia Tech Atlanta, GA

S. 6	at NOTRE DAME	W	
S. 20	at WAKE FOREST	W	30-10
S. 27	Clemson	W	25-28
O. 4	at BOSTON COLLEGE	W	
O. 11	North Carolina State	W	28-16
O. 18	at FLORIDA STATE	W	3-49
O. 30	North Carolina	W	0-16
N. 8	at VIRGINIA	W	13-7
N. 15	at DUKE	W	48-22
N. 22	Maryland	W	10-13
N. 29	Georgia	W	10-19

Coach: George O'Leary **Colors:** Old Gold & White
Nickname: Yellow Jackets '96 Record: 5-6

Grambling Grambling, LA

S. 6	at ALCORN STATE	W	6-31
S. 20	at LANGSTON	W	14-15
S. 27	at HAMPTON	W	
O. 4	at PRAIRIE VIEW	W	54-12
O. 11	Mississippi Valley	W	10-19
O. 25	at JACKSON STATE	W	0-52
N. 1	Texas Southern	W	7-20
N. 8	at ALABAMA STATE	W	7-0
N. 15	North Carolina A&T	W	12-17
N. 29	at SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	W	12-17
	@ At East Rutherford, NY # At New Orleans, LA	W	

Coach: Eddie Robinson **Colors:** Black & Gold
Nickname: Tigers '96 Record: 3-8

Hampton Hampton, VA

A. 30	at WILLIAM & MARY	W	
S. 13	at HOWARD	W	7-26
S. 20	at NORTH CAROLINA A&T	W	20-24
S. 27	Grambling	W	
O. 4	Florida A&M	W	58-59 (OT)
O. 11	at LIBERTY	W	30-34
O. 18	at NORFOLK STATE	W	7-14
O. 25	South Carolina State	W	20-14
N. 8	at BETHUNE-COOKMAN	W	38-24
N. 15	Delaware State	W	37-7
N. 22	Morgan State	W	22-23
	@ At Washington, DC # At East Rutherford, NY	W	

Coach: Joe Taylor **Colors:** Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Pirates '96 Record: 5-6

Harvard Cambridge, MA

S. 20	Columbia	W	13-20 (OT)
S. 27	at LEHIGH	W	
O. 4	Bucknell	W	30-7
O. 11	at CORNELL	W	13-20
O. 18	Holy Cross	W	28-25
O. 25	Princeton	W	24-0
N. 1	at DARTMOUTH	W	3-6
N. 8	at BROWN	W	7-31
N. 15	Pennsylvania	W	12-17
N. 22	at YALE	W	26-21

Coach: Tim Murphy **Colors:** Crimson
Nickname: Crimson '96 Record: 4-6

Hawaii Honolulu, HI

A. 30	Minnesota	W	
S. 13	Wyoming*	W	0-66
S. 20	at UNLV	W	38-28
O. 4	at COLORADO STATE	W	16-28
O. 11	Fresno State	W	0-20
O. 18	at BRIGHAM YOUNG	W	14-45
O. 25	San Diego State	W	8-56
N. 1	Air Force*	W	7-34
N. 15	at SAN JOSE STATE	W	17-38
N. 22	Northeast Louisiana	W	
N. 29	Notre Dame	W	

Coach: Fred Von Appen **Colors:** Green & White
Nickname: Rainbow Warriors '96 Record: 2-10

Hofstra Hempstead, NY

S. 6	Boston University	W	9-16
S. 13	Southwest Texas State	W	13-28
S. 20	Connecticut	W	24-16
S. 27	at YOUNGSTOWN STATE	W	3-14
O. 4	at RHODE ISLAND	W	21-0
O. 11	at NEW HAMPSHIRE	W	
O. 18	Lehigh	W	
O. 25	at BUFFALO	W	10-14
N. 1	at MASSACHUSETTS	W	
N. 15	at LIBERTY	W	29-20
N. 22	Maine	W	7-9

Coach: Joe Gardi **Colors:** Blue, White, & Gold
Nickname: Flying Dutchmen '96 Record: 5-6

Holy Cross Worcester, MA

S. 13	at TOWSON STATE	W	
S. 20	Georgetown	W	45-36
S. 27	Dartmouth	W	7-35
O. 4	Princeton	W	30-37
O. 11	at COLUMBIA	W	16-42
O. 18	at HARVARD	W	25-28
O. 25	at BUCKNELL	W	7-38
N. 1	Colgate	W	38-21
N. 8	at LEHIGH	W	10-20
N. 15	Lafayette	W	21-38
N. 22	Fordham	W	0-28

Coach: Dan Allen **Colors:** Royal Purple & White
Nickname: Crusaders '96 Record: 2-9

Houston Houston, TX

A. 30	at ALABAMA	W	
S. 6	California	W	
S. 13	Pittsburgh	W	42-35 (OT)
S. 27	at MINNESOTA	W	
O. 4	at UCLA	W	
O. 11	Cincinnati	W	20-31
O. 25	at LOUISVILLE	W	38-7
N. 1	at MEMPHIS	W	37-20
N. 8	East Carolina	W	
N. 15	at SO MISSISSIPPI	W	56-49 (OT)
N. 22	Tulane	W	20-17

Coach: Kim Helton **Colors:** Scarlet & White
Nickname: Cougars '96 Record: 7-4

Howard Washington, DC

S. 6	at JACKSON STATE	W	
S. 13	Hampton	W	26-7
S. 20	at ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W	
S. 27	Florida A&M	W	20-21
O. 11	at BETHUNE-COOKMAN	W	61-21
O. 18	Morehouse	W	49-0
O. 25	at NORTH CAROLINA A&T	W	38-3
N. 1	at NORFOLK STATE	W	42-14
N. 8	South Carolina State	W	23-3
N. 15	at MORGAN STATE	W	49-0
N. 22	at DELAWARE STATE	W	48-23
	@ At Washington, DC	W	

Coach: Steve Wilson **Colors:** Navy Blue & White
Nickname: Bison '96 Record: 9-2

Idaho Moscow, ID

A. 30	at AIR FORCE	W	
S. 6	Portland State	W	
S. 13	at IDAHO STATE	W	3-8
S. 20	at CENTRAL FLORIDA	W	
O. 4	North Texas	W	17-24
O. 11	California-Davis	W	
O. 18	at NEVADA	W	24-15
O. 25	Utah State	W	28-35
N. 1	at EASTERN WASHINGTON	W	37-27
N. 15	at NEW MEXICO STATE	W	34-19
N. 22	Boise State	W	64-19

Coach: Chris Tormey **Colors:** Silver & Gold
Nickname: Vandals '96 Record: 6-5

Idaho St. Pocatello, ID

S. 6	at UTAH STATE	W	
S. 13	Idaho	W	
S. 27	Montana State	W	13-17
O. 4	at CAL STATE-SACRAMENTO	W	44-14
O. 11	Montana	W	19-43
O. 18	Southern Utah	W	
O. 25	at EASTERN WASHINGTON	W	17-31
N. 1	Northern Arizona	W	38-50 (OT)
N. 8	at CAL STATE-NORTHRI	W	40-42
N. 15	Portland State	W	31-12
N. 22	at WEBER STATE	W	22-37

Coach: Brian McNeely **Colors:** Black & Orange
Nickname: Bengals '96 Record: 4-7

Illinois Champaign, IL

S. 6	Southern Mississippi	W	
S. 13	at LOUISVILLE	W	
S. 20	Washington State	W	
S. 27	at IOWA	W	21-31
O. 4	Penn State	W	
O. 11	at WISCONSIN	W	15-35
O. 25	Purdue	W	
N. 1	at INDIANA	W	46-43 (OT)
N. 8	Northwestern	W	24-27
N. 15	at OHIO STATE	W	0-48
N. 22	Michigan State	W	14-42

Indiana St. Terre Haute, IN

S. 6	Kentucky State	W	3-1
S. 13	at NORTH TEXAS	W	
S. 20	Southern Illinois	W	24-13
O. 4	Youngstown State	L	
O. 11	at SW MISSOURI STATE	L	12-27
O. 18	Western Illinois	L	10-7
O. 25	at ILLINOIS STATE	W	23-7
N. 1	Eastern Illinois	L	16-35
N. 8	Western Kentucky	L	20-27
N. 15	at NORTHERN IOWA	L	19-34

Coach: Dennis Raetz **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Sycamores '96 Record: 6-5

Iona New Rochelle, NY

S. 13	at WAGNER	L	0-27
S. 20	Marist	L	7-30
S. 27	Pace	L	20-26
O. 4	at CANISIUS	L	0-42
O. 11	at SIENA	L	8-14
O. 18	Georgetown	L	0-20
O. 25	at ST. PETER'S	L	20-14 (OT)
N. 1	Duquesne	L	14-45
N. 8	Fairfield	L	0-27
N. 14	at ST. JOHN'S (NY)	L	14-45

Coach: Harold Crocker **Colors:** Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Gaels '96 Record: 1-9

Iowa Iowa City, IA

S. 6	Northern Iowa	W	
S. 13	Tulsa	W	20-27
S. 20	at IOWA STATE	W	38-13
S. 27	Illinois	W	31-21
O. 4	at OHIO STATE	L	26-38
O. 18	at MICHIGAN	L	
O. 25	Indiana	W	31-10
N. 1	Purdue	W	
N. 8	at WISCONSIN	L	31-0
N. 15	at NORTHWESTERN	L	13-40
N. 22	Minnesota	W	43-24

Coach: Hayden Fry **Colors:** Gold & Black
Nickname: Hawkeyes '96 Record: 8-5

Iowa St. Ames, IA

A. 30	Oklahoma State	L	27-28
S. 6	at WYOMING	L	38-41 (OT)
S. 13	at MINNESOTA	L	
S. 20	Iowa	L	13-38
O. 4	at MISSOURI	L	45-31
O. 11	at TEXAS A&M	L	21-24
O. 25	Baylor	L	21-49
N. 1	at KANSAS	L	31-34
N. 8	Colorado	L	42-49
N. 15	at NEBRASKA	L	14-49
N. 22	Kansas State	L	20-35

Coach: Dan McCarney **Colors:** Cardinal & Gold
Nickname: Cyclones '96 Record: 2-9

Jackson St. Jackson, MS

A. 31	at ALABAMA STATE	W	40-0
S. 6	Howard	W	
S. 13	at TENNESSEE STATE	W	21-14
S. 20	at FLORIDA A&M	W	16-9
S. 27	Mississippi Valley	W	39-13
O. 4	at TEXAS SOUTHERN	W	31-14
O. 18	Southern University	W	16-27
O. 25	Grambling	W	52-0
N. 1	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W	31-10
N. 15	at PRAIRIE VIEW	W	76-20
N. 22	Alcorn State	W	27-17

Coach: James Carson **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Tigers '96 Record: 10-2

Jacksonville St. Jacksonville, AL

S. 6	Southwest Missouri State	W	9-34
S. 13	at SAM HOUSTON STATE	W	
S. 20	at ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM	L	17-24
S. 27	McNEESE State	L	
O. 4	at MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	L	23-30
O. 11	at STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	L	18-22
O. 25	Nicholls State	L	18-21
N. 1	at SAMFORD	L	17-27
N. 8	at NORTHWESTERN STATE	L	
N. 15	Southwest Texas State	L	
N. 22	at TROY STATE	L	21-31

Coach: Bill Burgess **Colors:** Red & White
Nickname: Gamecocks '96 Record: 1-9

James Madison Harrisonburg, VA

S. 6	at BALL STATE	L	
S. 13	East Tennessee State	W	56
S. 20	Massachusetts	W	
S. 27	at MAINE	L	31-7
O. 4	at VILLANOVA	L	23-40
O. 11	at WILLIAM & MARY	L	26-21
O. 18	Delaware	L	13-27
O. 25	Richmond	L	31-27
N. 8	at NORTHEASTERN	L	7-31
N. 15	Rhode Island	W	
N. 22	Boston University	W	38-7

Coach: Alex Wood **Colors:** Purple & Gold
Nickname: Dukes '96 Record: 7-4

Kansas Lawrence, KS

A. 28	Alabama-Birmingham	W	
S. 6	Texas Christian	W	52-17
S. 20	at CINCINNATI	W	
O. 4	Oklahoma	L	52-24
O. 11	at TEXAS TECH	L	17-30
O. 18	at COLORADO	L	7-20
O. 25	Nebraska	L	7-63
N. 1	Iowa State	W	34-31
N. 8	at KANSAS STATE	L	12-38
N. 15	at TEXAS	L	17-38
N. 22	Missouri	L	25-42

Coach: Terry Allen **Colors:** Crimson & Blue
Nickname: Jayhawks '96 Record: 4-7

Kansas St. Manhattan, KS

S. 6	at NORTHERN ILLINOIS	W	
S. 13	Ohio	W	
S. 27	Bowling Green	W	
O. 4	at NEBRASKA	W	3-39
O. 11	Missouri	W	35-10
O. 18	Texas A&M	W	23-20
O. 25	at OKLAHOMA	W	42-35
N. 1	at TEXAS TECH	W	21-14
N. 8	Kansas	W	38-12
N. 15	Colorado	W	0-12
N. 22	at IOWA STATE	W	35-20

Coach: Bill Snyder **Colors:** Purple & White
Nickname: Wildcats '96 Record: 9-2

Kent Kent, OH

A. 30	at OHIO	L	15-24
S. 6	at YOUNGSTOWN STATE	L	28-12
S. 13	Marshall	W	
S. 20	at EASTERN MICHIGAN	W	10-51
O. 4	Central Florida	L	
O. 11	Miami (OH)	L	6-64
O. 18	at WESTERN MICHIGAN	L	27-76
O. 25	Central Michigan	W	51-52
N. 1	Bowling Green	W	24-31
N. 8	at AKRON	L	32-17
N. 22	NAVY	L	

Coach: Jim Corrigan **Colors:** Blue & Gold
Nickname: Golden Flashes '96 Record: 2-9

Kentucky Lexington, KY

A. 30	Louisville	W	14-38
S. 6	at MISSISSIPPI STATE	L	24-21
S. 20	at INDIANA	W	3-0
S. 27	Florida	W	0-65
O. 4	Alabama	W	7-35
O. 11	at SOUTH CAROLINA	L	14-25
O. 18	Northeast Louisiana	W	
O. 25	at GEORGIA	L	24-17
N. 1	Louisiana State	W	44-41
N. 15	at VANDERBILT	L	25-0
N. 22	Tennessee	L	10-56

Coach: Hal Mumme **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Wildcats '96 Record: 4-7

Lafayette Easton, PA

S. 13	Millersville	W	29-17
S. 20	Bucknell	L	23-7
S. 27	at BROWN	L	
O. 4	Columbia	W	0-3
O. 11	Colgate	W	9-40
O. 18	at CORNELL	L	30-19
O. 25	Towson State	W	
N. 1	at ARMY	L	21-41
N. 8	Fordham	L	
N. 15	at HOLY CROSS	W	38-21
N. 22	at LEHIGH	L	19-23

Coach: Bill Russo **Colors:** Maroon & White
Nickname: Leopards '96 Record: 5-5

Lehigh Bethlehem, PA

S. 13	at FORDHAM	L	20-14
S. 20	at TOWSON STATE	L	
S. 27	Harvard	L	
O. 4	at COLGATE	L	23-30
O. 11	Pennsylvania	W	28-24
O. 18	at HOFSTRA	L	
O. 25	at DARTMOUTH	L	14-21
N. 1	at BUCKNELL	L	6-7
N. 8	Holy Cross	L	20-10
N. 15	Delaware	L	7-49
N. 22	Lafayette	W	23-19

Coach: Kevin Higgins **Colors:** Brown & White
Nickname: Engineers '96 Record: 5-6

Liberty Lynchburg, VA

S. 6	Glenville State	W	
S. 13	at WESTERN CAROLINA	L	10-20
S. 27	at DELAWARE STATE	L	27-7
O. 4	Elon	W	
O. 11	Hampton	L	34-30
O. 18	Western Kentucky	L	23-14
O. 25	at CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	L	38-7
N. 1	Cal Poly SLO	W	
N. 8	at NORFOLK STATE	W	
N. 15	Hofstra	L	20-29
N. 22	at APPALACHIAN STATE	W	

Coach: Sam Rutigliano **Colors:** Red, White & Blue
Nickname: Flames '96 Record: 5-6

Louisiana St. Baton Rouge, LA

S. 6	UTEP	W	
S. 13	at MISSISSIPPI STATE	W	28-20
S. 20	Auburn	L	19-15
S. 27	Akron	W	
O. 4	at VANDERBILT	W	35-0
O. 11	Florida	W	13-56
O. 18	Mississippi	W	39-7
N. 1	at KENTUCKY	W	41-14
N. 8	at ALABAMA	W	0-26
N. 15	Notre Dame	L	
N. 29	Arkansas	W	17-7

Coach: Gerry DiNardo **Colors:** Purple & Gold
Nickname: Tigers '96 Record: 9-2

Louisiana Tech Ruston, LA

A. 30	Bowling Green	W	
S. 13	Northeast Louisiana	W	
S. 20	Central Michigan	W	38-37
S. 27	at ARKANSAS	L	21-38
O. 4	California	W	
O. 11	at AUBURN	W	
O. 18	Arkansas State	W	38-55
O. 25	at BOISE STATE	W	
N. 1	at ALABAMA	W	
N. 8	at ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM	W	35-31
N. 15	at SW LOUISIANA	W	31-37

Coach: Gary Crowton **Colors:** Red & Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs '96 Record: 6-5

Louisville Louisville, KY

A. 30	at KENTUCKY	L	38-14
S. 6	Utah	L	
S. 13	Illinois	L	
S. 20	Penn State	L	7-24
S. 27	at OKLAHOMA	L	
O. 4	at SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	L	7-24
O. 11	Tulane	L	23-20
O. 25	Houston	L	7-38
N. 1	East Carolina	L	
N. 8	at CINCINNATI	L	7-10
N. 15	at MEMPHIS	L	13-10

Coach: Ron Cooper **Colors:** Red, White & Black
Nickname: Cardinals '96 Record: 5-6

Maine Orono, ME

S. 6	at RHODE ISLAND	W	58-19
S. 13	Massachusetts	W	22-14
S. 20	at VILLANOVA	L	
S. 27	James Madison	W	7-31
O. 4	at RICHMOND	L	
O. 11	Connecticut	L	17-16
O. 18	Boston University	W	45-8
O. 25	at NEW HAMPSHIRE	L	34-20
N. 8	at BUFFALO	L	31-35
N. 15	at NORTHEASTERN	L	21-22
N. 22	at HOFSTRA	L	9-7

Coach: Jack Cosgrove **Colors:** White & Blue
Nickname: Black Bears '96 Record: 7-4

Marist Poughkeepsie, NY

S. 13	Georgetown	W	14-31
S. 20	at IONA	W	30-7
S. 27	St. Peter's	W	21-13
O. 4	Duquesne	W	17-30
O. 10	at ST. JOHN'S (NY)	W	28-20
O. 18	at FAIRFIELD	L	34-3
O. 25	Wagner	W	28-27
N. 1	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W	
N. 8	at CANISIUS	W	9-6
N. 15	Sienna	W	41-6

Coach: Jim Parady **Colors:** Red & White
Nickname: Red Foxes '96 Record: 7-3

Marshall Huntington, WV

A. 30	at WEST VIRGINIA	L	
S. 6	at ARMY	W	
S. 13	at KENT	W	
S. 20	Western Illinois	W	
S. 27	at BALL STATE	L	
O. 11	Akron	W	
O. 18	at MIAMI (OH)	L	
O. 25	Eastern Michigan	W	
N. 1	at CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W	
N. 8	Bowling Green	W	
N. 15	Ohio	W	

Coach: Bob Pruett **Colors:** Green & White
Nickname: Thundering Herd '96 Record: 14-0

Maryland College Park, MD

S. 6	Ohio	L	
S. 13	at FLORIDA STATE	L	10-48
S. 20	North Carolina	L	7-38
S. 27	at TEMPLE	L	
O. 4	Duke	W	22-19
O. 11	West Virginia	L	0-13
O. 18	at WAKE FOREST	L	52-0
O. 25	Clemson	L	3-35
N. 1	Virginia	L	3-21
N. 8	at NORTH CAROLINA STATE	L	8-34
N. 22	at GEORGIA TECH	L	13-10

Coach: Ron Vanderlinden **Colors:** Red, White, Black & Gold
Nickname: Terrapins '96 Record: 5-6

Massachusetts Amherst, MA

S. 6	Richmond	L	23-17 (OT)
S. 13	at MAINE	L	14-22
S. 20	at JAMES MADISON	L	
S. 27	Rhode Island	W	21-41
O. 4	New Hampshire	L	7-40
O. 11	at VILLANOVA	L	14-50
O. 18	at BUFFALO	W	41-20
O. 25	Delaware	L	
N. 1	Hofstra	L	
N. 8	at BOSTON UNIVERSITY	L	43-12
N. 15	at CONNECTICUT	L	39-38

Coach: Mike Hodges **Colors:** Maroon & White
Nickname: Minutemen '96 Record: 6-5

McNeese St. Lake Charles, LA

S. 13	at SW MISSOURI STATE	W	7-12
S. 20	Northern Iowa	W	10-43
S. 27	at JACKSONVILLE STATE	W	
O. 4	Arkansas Tech	W	
O. 11	Northwestern State	W	20-36
O. 25	at STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	W	37-38
N. 1	Sam Houston State	W	25-30
N. 8	at SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	W	13-16
N. 15	Troy State	W	12-16
N. 22	at NICHOLLS STATE	W	16-17

Miami Coral Gables, FL		
A. 30	at BAYLOR	W
S. 13	Arizona State	W
S. 18	at PITTSBURGH	45-0
S. 27	West Virginia	10-7
O. 4	at FLORIDA STATE	16-34
O. 18	at BOSTON COLLEGE	43-26
O. 25	Temple	57-26
N. 1	Arkansas State	W
N. 8	at VIRGINIA TECH	7-21
N. 15	Rutgers	33-0
N. 29	Syracuse	38-31

Coach: Butch Davis **Colors:** Orange, Green & White **Nickname:** Hurricanes '96 **Record:** 8-3

Miami Oxford, OH		
A. 30	Ball State	16-6
S. 6	at BOWLING GREEN	10-14
S. 13	Akron	7-10
S. 27	at ARMY	7-27
O. 4	at VIRGINIA TECH	W
O. 11	at KENT	84-6
O. 18	Marshall	W
O. 25	Cincinnati	23-30 (OT)
N. 1	at TOLEDO	27-7
N. 8	at OHIO	24-8
N. 15	Northern Illinois	W

Coach: Randy Walker **Colors:** Red & White **Nickname:** RedHawks '96 **Record:** 6-5

Michigan Ann Arbor, MI		
S. 13	Colorado	20-13
S. 20	Baylor	W
S. 27	Notre Dame	W
O. 4	at INDIANA	27-20
O. 11	Northwestern	16-17
O. 18	Iowa	W
O. 25	at MICHIGAN STATE	45-29
N. 1	Minnesota	44-10
N. 8	at PENN STATE	17-29
N. 15	at WISCONSIN	W
N. 22	Ohio State	13-9

Coach: Lloyd Carr **Colors:** Maize & Blue **Nickname:** Wolverines '96 **Record:** 8-3

Michigan St. East Lansing, MI		
S. 6	Western Michigan	W
S. 13	Memphis	W
S. 20	at NOTRE DAME	W
O. 4	Minnesota	27-9
O. 11	at INDIANA	38-15
O. 18	at NORTHWESTERN	W
O. 25	Michigan	29-45
N. 1	Ohio State	W
N. 8	at PURDUE	52-14
N. 22	at ILLINOIS	42-14
N. 29	Penn State	29-32

Coach: Nick Saban **Colors:** Green & White **Nickname:** Spartans '96 **Record:** 6-5

Middle Tenn. St. Murfreesboro, TN		
S. 6	at TENNESSEE STATE	14-24
S. 13	at TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA	16-9
S. 27	Murray State	7-34
O. 4	Jacksonville State	30-23
O. 11	at TENNESSEE-MARTIN	30-12
O. 18	at EASTERN ILLINOIS	31-24
O. 25	Southeast Missouri State	13-16 (OT)
N. 8	Austin Peay	50-14
N. 15	at EASTERN KENTUCKY	13-20
N. 22	at TENNESSEE TECH	16-10

Coach: Boots Donnelly **Colors:** Blue & White **Nickname:** Blue Raiders '96 **Record:** 6-5

Minnesota Minneapolis, MN		
A. 30	at HAWAII	W
S. 13	Iowa State	W
S. 20	at MEMPHIS	W
S. 27	Houston	W
O. 4	at MICHIGAN STATE	9-27
O. 11	Purdue	27-30
O. 18	at PENN STATE	W
O. 25	Wisconsin	28-45
N. 1	at MICHIGAN	10-44
N. 8	Ohio State	0-45
N. 15	Indiana	W
N. 22	at IOWA	24-43

Coach: Glen Mason **Colors:** Maroon & Gold **Nickname:** Golden Gophers '96 **Record:** 4-7

Mississippi University, MS		
A. 30	Central Florida	W
S. 6	Southern Methodist	W
S. 13	at AUBURN	28-45
S. 27	Vanderbilt	20-9
O. 4	at TENNESSEE	3-41
O. 18	at LOUISIANA STATE	7-39
O. 25	Alabama	0-37
N. 6	Arkansas	7-13
N. 15	at TULANE	W
N. 22	at GEORGIA	31-27
N. 29	at MISSISSIPPI STATE	0-17

Coach: Tommy Tuberville **Colors:** Cardinal Red & Navy Blue **Nickname:** Rebels '96 **Record:** 5-5

Mississippi St. Mississippi State, MS		
A. 30	Memphis	31-10
S. 6	Kentucky	21-24
S. 13	Louisiana State	20-28
S. 27	South Carolina	14-10
O. 4	at GEORGIA	19-38
O. 11	Northeast Louisiana	59-0
O. 25	Central Florida	W
N. 1	at AUBURN	15-49
N. 15	at ALABAMA	17-16
N. 22	at ARKANSAS	13-16 (OT)
N. 29	Mississippi	17-0

Coach: Jackie Sherrill **Colors:** Maroon & White **Nickname:** Bulldogs '96 **Record:** 5-6

Mississippi Valley Itta Bena, MS		
A. 30	Southern University	0-24
S. 6	at ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	20-33
S. 20	Alabama A&M	W
S. 27	at JACKSON STATE	13-39
O. 11	at GRAMBLING	19-10
O. 18	at LANE	24-22
O. 25	Texas Southern	23-17
N. 1	at PRAIRIE VIEW	20-0
N. 8	at ALCORN STATE	21-9
N. 15	Alabama State	25-20

Coach: Larry Dorsey **Colors:** Green & White **Nickname:** Delta Devils '96 **Record:** 7-4

Missouri Columbia, MO		
S. 6	Eastern Michigan	W
S. 20	at TULSA	W
S. 27	Ohio State	W
O. 4	Iowa State	31-45
O. 11	at KANSAS STATE	10-35
O. 18	Texas	10-40
O. 25	at OKLAHOMA STATE	35-28
N. 1	at COLORADO	13-41
N. 8	Nebraska	7-51
N. 15	Baylor	49-42 (OT)
N. 22	at KANSAS	42-25

Coach: Larry Smith **Colors:** Old Gold & Black **Nickname:** Tigers '96 **Record:** 5-6

Monmouth West Long Branch, NJ		
S. 6	at TOWSON STATE	6-15
S. 13	at DAYTON	W
S. 20	La Salle	W
O. 4	New Haven	W
O. 18	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	46-17
O. 25	Robert Morris	6-43
N. 1	at SACRED HEART	W
N. 8	Wagner	23-10
N. 15	at CENTRAL CONNECTICUT	33-27

Coach: Kevin Callahan **Colors:** Royal Blue & White **Nickname:** Hawks '96 **Record:** 7-3

Montana Missoula, MT		
S. 13	Stephen F. Austin	W
S. 20	St. Mary's (CA)	W
S. 27	Cal State-Sacramento	35-17
O. 11	at IDAHO STATE	43-19
O. 18	Eastern Washington	34-30
O. 25	at NORTHERN ARIZONA	48-32
N. 1	Cal State Northridge	43-36
N. 8	at PORTLAND STATE	63-6
N. 15	Weber State	24-10
N. 22	at MONTANA STATE	35-14

Coach: Mick Dennehy **Colors:** Copper, Silver & Gold **Nickname:** Grizzlies '96 **Record:** 14-0

Montana St. Bozeman, MT		
S. 13	Chadron State	W
S. 20	at SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	W
S. 27	at IDAHO STATE	17-13
O. 4	Eastern Washington	13-20
O. 11	at NORTHERN ARIZONA	18-49
O. 18	Cal State Northridge	24-17
O. 25	at PORTLAND STATE	24-6
N. 1	Weber State	7-17
N. 8	Cal Poly SLO	37-20
N. 15	at CAL STATE-SACRAMENTO	49-14
N. 22	Montana	14-35

Coach: Cliff Hysell **Colors:** Blue & Gold **Nickname:** Bobcats '96 **Record:** 6-5

Morehead St. Morehead, KY		
S. 6	Austin Peay	W
S. 20	Valparaiso	24-0
S. 27	Dayton	6-52
O. 4	at SOUTH FLORIDA	W
O. 11	Wofford	14-41
O. 25	at ST. JOSEPH'S (IN)	22-26
N. 1	at WESTERN KENTUCKY	26-31
N. 8	Charleston Southern	30-27
N. 15	Evansville	38-21

Coach: Matt Ballard **Colors:** Scarlet & White **Nickname:** Eagles '96 **Record:** 6-4

Morgan St. Baltimore, MD		
S. 6	at CITADEL	W
S. 13	at BETHUNE-COOKMAN	13-6
S. 20	Texas Southern	3-42
S. 27	at NORFOLK STATE	W
O. 4	South Carolina State	20-27
O. 18	North Carolina A&T	7-55
O. 25	at DELAWARE STATE	14-35
N. 1	Florida A&M	12-83
N. 8	Central State	17-18
N. 15	Howard	0-49
N. 22	at HAMPTON	23-22

Coach: Stump Mitchell **Colors:** Orange & Blue **Nickname:** Bears '96 **Record:** 4-7

Murray St. Murray, KY		
S. 6	at WESTERN KENTUCKY	41-44 (OT)
S. 13	at SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	48-38
S. 20	Southeast Missouri State	16-0
S. 27	at MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	34-7
O. 4	at TENNESSEE-MARTIN	28-14
O. 11	Austin Peay	51-7
O. 18	Eastern Kentucky	14-13
N. 1	at TENNESSEE TECH	21-14
N. 8	Eastern Illinois	35-28
N. 15	at TENNESSEE STATE	50-14

Coach: Denver Johnson **Colors:** Blue & Gold **Nickname:** Racers '96 **Record:** 10-2

Navy Annapolis, MD		
S. 5	at SAN DIEGO STATE	W
S. 13	Rutgers	10-6
S. 20	at SOUTHERN METHODIST	19-17
S. 27	at DUKE	64-27
O. 11	Air Force	20-17
O. 18	Virginia Military	W
N. 1	at NOTRE DAME	27-54
N. 8	Temple	W
N. 15	Colgate	W
N. 22	Kent	W
N. 6	Army@	24-28

Coach: Charlie Weatherbie **Colors:** Navy Blue & Gold **Nickname:** Midshipmen '96 **Record:** 8-3

Nebraska Lincoln, NE		
A. 30	Akron	W
S. 13	Central Florida	W
S. 20	at WASHINGTON	W
O. 4	Kansas State	39-3
O. 11	at BAYLOR	49-0
O. 18	Texas Tech	24-10
O. 25	at KANSAS	63-7
N. 1	Oklahoma	73-21
N. 8	at MISSOURI	51-7
N. 15	Iowa State	49-14
N. 22	at COLORADO	17-12

Coach: Tom Osborne **Colors:** Scarlet & Cream **Nickname:** Cornhuskers '96 **Record:** 10-2

Nevada Reno, NV		
A. 30	at COLORADO STATE	L
S. 6	UNLV	54-17
S. 13	Oregon	30-44
S. 20	at SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	W
S. 27	at TOLEDO	W
O. 11	Wyoming	W
O. 18	Idaho	35-24
O. 25	North Texas	40-13
N. 1	at NEW MEXICO STATE	63-14
N. 8	at BOISE STATE	66-28
N. 15	Utah State	54-27

Coach: Jeff Tisdell **Colors:** Royal Blue & Silver **Nickname:** Wolf Pack '96 **Record:** 8-3

New Hampshire Durham, NH		
S. 6	Delaware	W
S. 13	at RHODE ISLAND	35-26
S. 20	William & Mary	7-31
S. 27	at STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	W
O. 4	at MASSACHUSETTS	40-7
O. 11	Hofstra	W
O. 18	at NORTHEASTERN	28-30
O. 25	Maine	20-34
N. 8	at VILLANOVA	34-0
N. 15	Boston University	31-10
N. 22	at CONNECTICUT	21-13

Coach: Bill Bowes **Colors:** Blue & White **Nickname:** Wildcats '96 **Record:** 8-3

New Mexico Albuquerque, NM		
A. 30	Northern Arizona	49-33
S. 6	New Mexico State	28-7
S. 13	at UTEP	44-17
S. 20	at UTAH STATE	W
O. 4	Southern Methodist	31-52
O. 11	at SAN DIEGO STATE	42-48
O. 18	Rice	21-38
O. 25	at UTAH	24-31
N. 1	at TEXAS CHRISTIAN	27-7
N. 15	Brigham Young	14-17
N. 22	Tulsa	34-23

Coach: Dennis Franchione **Colors:** Cherry & Silver **Nickname:** Lobos '96 **Record:** 6-5

New Mexico St. Las Cruces, NM		
S. 6	at NEW MEXICO	7-28
S. 13	at ARIZONA STATE	W
S. 20	Cal State Northridge	0-33
S. 27	at UTEP	7-14
O. 4	Cal Poly SLO	W
O. 11	at BOISE STATE	32-33
O. 18	at UTAH STATE	21-53
O. 25	Arkansas State	W
N. 1	Nevada	14-63
N. 8	North Texas	0-13
N. 15	Idaho	19-34

Coach: Tony Samuel **Colors:** Crimson & White **Nickname:** Aggies '96 **Record:** 1-10

Nicholls St. Thibodaux, LA		
A. 30	at NORTHEAST LOUISIANA	12-14
S. 6	Southern Illinois	W
S. 20	Troy State	7-37
S. 27	at NORTHWESTERN STATE	19-17
O. 4	Samford	10-3
O. 11	Southwest Texas State	49-36 (OT)
O. 18	at SAM HOUSTON STATE	20-10
O. 25	at JACKSONVILLE STATE	21-8
N. 1	at SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	14-0
N. 8	Troy State	7-37
N. 15	at STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	11-27
N. 22	McNeese State	47-16

Coach: Darren Barber **Colors:** Cardinal, Gray & Royal **Nickname:** Colonels '96 **Record:** 8-4

North Carolina Chapel Hill, NC		
S. 6	Indiana	W
S. 13	Stanford	W
S. 20	at MARYLAND	38-7
S. 27	Virginia	17-20
O. 4	at TEXAS CHRISTIAN	W
O. 11	Wake Forest	45-6
O. 18	at NORTH CAROLINA STATE	52-20
O. 30	at GEORGIA TECH	16-0
N. 8	Florida State	0-13
N. 15	at CLEMSON	45-0
N. 22	Duke	27-10

Coach: Mack Brown **Colors:** Blue & White **Nickname:** Tar Heels '96 **Record:** 9-2

North Carolina A&T Greensboro, NC

A. 30	at N CAROLINA CENTRAL	38-31 (OT)
S. 6	at WINSTON-SALEM	31-7
S. 20	Hampton	24-20
O. 4	Tennessee State	23-24
O. 11	Florida A&M	55-7
O. 18	at MORGAN STATE	3-38
O. 25	Howard	73-7
N. 1	at BETHUNE-COOK MAN	31-6
N. 8	Delaware State	17-12
N. 15	at GRAMBLING	0-35
N. 22	South Carolina State	
@ At Indianapolis, IN		

Coach: Bill Hayes **Colors:** Navy Blue & Gold
Nickname: Aggies '96 Record: 7-3

North Carolina St. Raleigh, NC

A. 30	at SYRACUSE	44-22
S. 6	at DUKE	17-40
S. 13	Clemson	37-22
S. 20	Northern Illinois	16-28
S. 27	at WAKE FOREST	20-52
O. 11	at GEORGIA TECH	17-51
O. 18	North Carolina	34-8
N. 1	at FLORIDA STATE	14-62
N. 8	Maryland	29-50
N. 15	Virginia	
N. 22	East Carolina	

Coach: Mike O'Carroll **Colors:** Red & White
Nickname: Wolfpack '96 Record: 3-8

North Texas Denton, TX

A. 30	at VANDERBILT	7-19
S. 6	at OREGON STATE	
S. 13	Indiana State	0-55
S. 20	at TEXAS TECH	24-17
S. 27	Texas A&M	30-27
O. 4	at IDAHO	13-40
O. 18	Boise State	13-0
O. 25	at NEVADA	10-27
N. 8	at NEW MEXICO STATE	13-21
N. 15	at ARMY	
N. 22	Utah State	

Coach: Matt Simon **Colors:** Green & White
Nickname: Eagles '96 Record: 5-6

Northeast Louisiana Monroe, LA

A. 30	Nicholls State	14-12
S. 6	at ARKANSAS	21-38
S. 13	at LOUISIANA TECH	
S. 20	at GEORGIA	
S. 27	at OKLAHOMA STATE	
O. 4	Northern Iowa	13-10
O. 11	at MISSISSIPPI STATE	0-59
O. 18	at KENTUCKY	
O. 25	at SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA	
N. 1	Central Florida	39-38
N. 15	Western Michigan	
N. 22	at HAWAII	

Coach: Ed Zaunbrecher **Colors:** Cardinal Red & Gold
Nickname: Indians '96 Record: 5-6

Northeastern Boston, MA

S. 6	St. Mary's (CA)	19-21
S. 13	at CONNECTICUT	
S. 20	at RHODE ISLAND	
S. 27	Delaware	14-24
O. 4	William & Mary	14-21
O. 18	New Hampshire	30-28
O. 25	at BOSTON UNIVERSITY	10-3
N. 1	at RICHMOND	27-10
N. 8	James Madison	31-7
N. 15	Maine	22-21
N. 22	at VILLANOVA	31-42

Coach: Barry Gallup **Colors:** Red & Black
Nickname: Huskies '96 Record: 6-5

Northern Arizona Flagstaff, AZ

A. 30	at NEW MEXICO	23-49
S. 6	Minnesota-Duluth	38-24
S. 13	Portland State	59-45
S. 20	at WEBER STATE	49-18
S. 27	Montana State	51-32
O. 4	at CAL STATE-SACRAMENTO	32-48
O. 11	Montana	50-38 (OT)
O. 18	at IDAHO STATE	13-10
O. 25	Eastern Washington	32-14
N. 1	at CAL STATE-NORTHRI	

Coach: Steve Axman **Colors:** Blue & Gold
Nickname: Lumberjacks '96 Record: 9-3

Northern Illinois De Kalb, IL

A. 28	at CENTRAL MICHIGAN	
S. 6	Kansas State	
S. 13	Western Michigan	
S. 20	at NORTH CAROLINA STATE	
O. 4	BOWLING GREEN	
O. 11	Vanderbilt	
O. 18	at TOLEDO	
O. 25	Ball State	
N. 1	Ohio	
N. 8	Eastern Michigan	
N. 15	at MIAMI (OH)	

Coach: Joe Novak **Colors:** Cardinal & Black
Nickname: Huskies '96 Record: 1-10

Northern Iowa Cedar Falls, IA

S. 6	at IOWA	
S. 13	Mankato State	43-10
S. 20	at MCNEESE STATE	33-7
S. 27	Southern Illinois	47-10
O. 4	at ILLINOIS STATE	30-6
O. 11	at WESTERN ILLINOIS	23-10
O. 18	Youngstown State	38-31
O. 25	at CAL POLY SLO	31-21
N. 1	at SW MISSOURI STATE	44-19
N. 8	Southern Utah	
N. 15	Indiana State	

Coach: Mike Dunbar **Colors:** Purple & Old Gold
Nickname: Panthers '96 Record: 12-2

Northwestern Evanston, IL

A. 23	Oklahoma	27-28
S. 6	at WAKE FOREST	38-13
S. 13	Duke	
S. 20	Rice	27-24
S. 27	at PURDUE	34-30
O. 4	Wisconsin	17-16
O. 11	at MICHIGAN	
O. 18	Michigan State	9-34
O. 25	at OHIO STATE	27-24
N. 1	Penn State	40-13
N. 8	at ILLINOIS	
N. 15	Iowa	
N. 22	at Chicago, IL	

Coach: Gary Barnett **Colors:** Purple & White
Nickname: Wildcats '96 Record: 9-2

Northwestern St. Natchitoches, LA

S. 6	at SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	27-14
S. 13	Henderson State	17-19
S. 20	Nicholls State	10-13
S. 27	at NORTHEAST LOUISIANA	3-20
O. 4	at MCNEESE STATE	49-0
O. 11	Southwest Texas State	13-26
O. 18	at TROY STATE	48-21
O. 25	Jacksonville State	17-10
N. 1	Navy	
N. 8	at SAM HOUSTON STATE	
N. 15	Stephen F. Austin	
N. 22		

Coach: Sam Goodwin **Colors:** Purple & White
Nickname: Deps '96 Record: 6-5

Notre Dame Notre Dame, IN

S. 6	Georgia Tech	35-0
S. 13	at PURDUE	
S. 20	Michigan State	
S. 27	at MICHIGAN	
O. 4	at STANFORD	60-6
O. 11	at PITTSBURGH	20-27
O. 18	Southern California	48-21
O. 25	Boston College	54-27
N. 1	Navy	
N. 8	at LOUISIANA STATE	
N. 15	West Virginia	
N. 22	at HAWAII	

Coach: Bob Davie **Colors:** Gold & Blue
Nickname: Fighting Irish '96 Record: 8-2

Ohio Athens, OH

A. 30	Kent	24-15
S. 6	at MARYLAND	
S. 13	at KANSAS STATE	
S. 20	Buffalo	38-0
S. 27	Western Michigan	7-0
O. 4	at EASTERN MICHIGAN	38-0
O. 11	Bowling Green	44-14
O. 18	at AKRON	
O. 25	at NORTHERN ILLINOIS	
N. 1	at MIAMI (OH)	
N. 8	at MARSHALL	
N. 15		

Coach: Jim Grobe **Colors:** Green & White
Nickname: Bobcats '96 Record: 6-6

Ohio St. Columbus, OH

A. 28	Wyoming	24-10
S. 13	Bowling Green	44-13
S. 20	Arizona	35-20
S. 27	at MISSOURI	31-10
O. 4	Iowa	28-26
O. 11	at PENN STATE	27-37
O. 18	Indiana	31-27
O. 25	Northwestern	39-6
N. 1	at MICHIGAN STATE	31-13
N. 8	at MINNESOTA	35-0
N. 15	Illinois	41-6
N. 22	at MICHIGAN	48-0

Coach: John Cooper **Colors:** Scarlet & Gray
Nickname: Buckeyes '96 Record: 10-1

Oklahoma Norman, OK

A. 23	at NORTHWESTERN	
S. 6	Syracuse	4-8
S. 13	at CALIFORNIA	
S. 20	Louisville	24-52
S. 27	at KANSAS	30-27 (OT)
O. 4	at TEXAS	28-24
O. 11	Baylor	35-42
O. 18	Kansas State	21-73
O. 25	N. 1 at NEBRASKA	27-17
N. 8	Oklahoma State	16-33
N. 15	Texas A&M	12-22
N. 22	at TEXAS TECH	
@ At Chicago, IL # At Dallas, TX		

Coach: John Blake **Colors:** Crimson & Cream
Nickname: Sooners '96 Record: 3-8

Oklahoma St. Stillwater, OK

A. 30	at IOWA STATE	8-27
S. 6	at SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA	
S. 13	Fresno State	14-71
S. 20	Northeast Louisiana	13-35
S. 27	at TEXAS	28-35
O. 4	Colorado	19-38
O. 11	Missouri	17-27
O. 18	at TEXAS A&M	3-31
O. 25	at OKLAHOMA	37-17
N. 1	Texas Tech	
N. 8	at BAYLOR	

Coach: Bob Simmons **Colors:** Orange & Black
Nickname: Cowboys '96 Record: 5-6

Oregon Eugene, OR

S. 13	at NEVADA	44-30
S. 20	Fresno State	30-27 (OT)
S. 27	at STANFORD	24-27 (OT)
O. 4	Washington State	44-55
O. 11	UCLA	22-41
O. 18	Utah	49-31
O. 25	at SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	14-33
N. 1	Arizona	27-48
N. 8	at WASHINGTON	27-48
N. 15	at ARIZONA STATE	49-13
N. 22	Oregon State	

Coach: Mike Bellotti **Colors:** Emerald Green & Lemon Yellow
Nickname: Ducks '96 Record: 6-5

Oregon St. Corvallis, OR

S. 6	North Texas	26-12
S. 13	Stanford	14-29
S. 20	Arizona State	
S. 27	San Jose State	
O. 4	Utah State	3-42
O. 11	at UCLA	42-48 (OT)
O. 18	Washington	7-33
O. 25	at CALIFORNIA	17-46
N. 1	N. 8 at ARIZONA	13-49
N. 15	Southern California	
N. 22	at OREGON	

Coach: Mike Riley **Colors:** Orange & Black
Nickname: Beavers '96 Record: 2-9

Penn St. University Park, PA

S. 6	Pittsburgh	41-0
S. 13	Temple	24-7
S. 20	at LOUISVILLE	7-38
S. 27	at ILLINOIS	
O. 4	Ohio State	34-9
O. 11	at NORTHWESTERN	29-17
O. 18	Minnesota	31-14
O. 25	at PURDUE	23-20
N. 1	Wisconsin	32-29
N. 8	at MICHIGAN STATE	

Coach: Joe Paterno **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Nittany Lions '96 Record: 10-2

Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA

S. 20	Dartmouth	22-24
S. 27	at BUCKNELL	30-21 (OT)
O. 4	Towson State	
O. 11	at LEHIGH	24-28
O. 18	at COLUMBIA	19-20 (OT)
O. 25	Brown	21-27
N. 1	at YALE	20-3
N. 8	Princeton	10-6
N. 15	at HARVARD	17-12
N. 22	Cornell	21-24

Coach: Al Bagnoli **Colors:** Red & Blue
Nickname: Quakers '96 Record: 5-5

Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA

A. 30	Southwestern Louisiana	
S. 6	at PENN STATE	35-42 (OT)
S. 13	at HOUSTON	0-45
S. 20	Miami (FL)	53-52
S. 27	at TEMPLE	6-60
O. 4	Notre Dame	24-9
O. 11	at RUTGERS	20-13
O. 18	N. 1 at BOSTON COLLEGE	7-55
O. 25	Syracuse	17-34
N. 1	Virginia Tech	0-34
N. 8	at WEST VIRGINIA	

Coach: Walt Harris **Colors:** Blue & Gold
Nickname: Panthers '96 Record: 4-7

Portland St. Portland, OR

A. 30	at FRESNO STATE	4-7
S. 6	at IDAHO	7-24
S. 13	Eastern Washington	24-38
S. 20	at NORTHERN ARIZONA	14-46
S. 27	Cal State Northridge	10-35
O. 4	St. Mary's (CA)	6-24
O. 11	at WEBER STATE	38-31
O. 18	at CAL STATE-SACRAMENTO	6-63
O. 25	Montana State	12-31
N. 1	N. 8 at IDAHO STATE	

Coach: Tim Walsh **Colors:** Forest Green & White
Nickname: Vikings '96 Record: 3-8

Prairie View Prairie View, TX

A. 30	at TEXAS SOUTHERN	24-42
S. 6	Langston	20-37
S. 13	at SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	0-63
S. 20	at SUL ROSS STATE	12-54
S. 27	Grambling	0-24
O. 4	at ALABAMA STATE	15-31
O. 11	at ALABAMA STATE	
O. 18	Central State	0-20
O. 25	Mississippi Valley	20-76
N. 1	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	
N. 8	Jackson State	
N. 15		

Coach: Gregory Johnson **Colors:** Purple & Gold
Nickname: Panthers '96 Record: 0-11

Princeton Princeton, NJ

S. 20	at CORNELL	27-33
S. 27	at FORDHAM	37-30
O. 4	at HOLY CROSS	23-27
O. 11	at COLGATE	0-24
O. 18	at HARVARD	14-11
O. 25	at COLUMBIA	6-10
N. 1	at PENNSYLVANIA	17-13
N. 8	at YALE	0-24
N. 15	at DARTMOUTH	

Coach: Steve Tosches **Colors:** Orange & Black
Nickname: Tigers '96 Record: 3-7

Purdue West Lafayette, IN

S. 6	at TOLEDO	0-35
S. 13	Notre Dame	
S. 20	Ball State	24-27
S. 27	Northwestern	30-27
O. 4	at MINNESOTA	25-33
O. 11	Wisconsin	
O. 18	at ILLINOIS	
O. 25	N. 1 at IOWA	14-52
N. 1	N. 8 Michigan State	14-31
N. 8	Penn State	16-33
N. 15	at INDIANA	
N. 22		

Coach: Joe Tillier **Colors:** Old Gold & Black
Nickname: Boilermakers '96 Record: 3-8

Rhode Island Kingston, RI		
S. 6	Maine	19-58
S. 13	New Hampshire	26-35
S. 20	Northeastern	
S. 27	at MASSACHUSETTS	41-21
O. 4	Hofstra	0-21
O. 11	at BOSTON UNIVERSITY	38-7
O. 18	at BROWN	28-13
O. 25	Connecticut	
N. 1	Villanova	16-34
N. 8	at RICHMOND	51-10
N. 15	at JAMES MADISON	

Coach: Floyd Keith **Colors:** Columbia Blue & White **Nickname:** Rams '96 Record: 4-6

Rice Houston, TX		
S. 6	Air Force	17-45
S. 13	at TULANE	21-14
S. 20	at NORTHWESTERN	
S. 27	Texas	
O. 4	at TULSA	42-14
O. 11	Brigham Young	0-49
O. 18	at NEW MEXICO	38-21
N. 1	at SOUTHERN METHODIST	35-17
N. 8	Texas Christian	30-17
N. 15	at UTAH	51-10
N. 22	UTEP	48-21

Coach: Ken Hattfield **Colors:** Blue & Gray **Nickname:** Owls '96 Record: 7-4

Richmond Richmond, VA		
S. 6	at MASSACHUSETTS	17-23 (OT)
S. 6	at COLGATE	13-0
S. 13	at VIRGINIA	
S. 20	Virginia Military	57-30
O. 4	Maine	
O. 11	at DELAWARE	7-14
O. 18	Villanova	3-20
O. 25	at JAMES MADISON	27-31
N. 1	Northeastern	10-27
N. 8	Rhode Island	
N. 15	at WILLIAM & MARY	13-28

Coach: Jim Reid **Colors:** Red & Blue **Nickname:** Spiders '96 Record: 2-9

Robert Morris Coraopolis, PA		
S. 6	Buffalo State	
S. 13	at BUTLER	38-0
S. 20	Dayton	21-31
S. 27	at CENTRAL CONNECTICUT	35-13
O. 4	Wagner	35-38
O. 18	at TOWSON STATE	7-0
O. 25	at MONMOUTH (NJ)	13-6
N. 1	Mercyhurst	28-0
N. 8	St. Francis (PA)	16-15
N. 15	at GANNON	10-7

Coach: Joe Walton **Colors:** Blue & White **Nickname:** Colonials '96 Record: 9-2

Rutgers New Brunswick, NJ		
A. 30	Virginia Tech	14-30
S. 6	at TEXAS*	
S. 13	at NAVY*	6-10
S. 20	Boston College	13-37
O. 4	at WEST VIRGINIA	14-55
O. 9	Syracuse*	10-42
O. 18	at ARMY	21-42
O. 25	Pittsburgh	9-24
N. 1	at TEMPLE	28-17
N. 8	Wake Forest	
N. 15	at MIAMI (FL)	0-33

Coach: Terry Shea **Colors:** Scarlet **Nickname:** Scarlet Knights '96 Record: 2-9

Sam Houston St. Huntsville, TX		
A. 30	Angelo State*	
S. 6	at TEXAS A&M	
S. 13	Jacksonville State*	
S. 20	Arkansas-Monticello*	
S. 27	at TEXAS SOUTHERN*	20-26
O. 11	at TROY STATE	14-35
O. 18	Nicholls State	10-20
N. 1	at McNEESE STATE	30-25
N. 8	Stephen F. Austin	14-10
N. 15	Northwestern State	21-38
N. 22	at SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	29-17

Coach: Ron Randleman **Colors:** Orange & White **Nickname:** Bearcats '96 Record: 4-7

Samford Birmingham, AL		
S. 6	Furman	
S. 13	at AUSTIN PEAY	12-10
S. 20	Tennessee Tech*	10-20
S. 27	at ALCOHOL STATE	14-13
O. 4	at NICHOLLS STATE	3-10
O. 11	at CENTRAL FLORIDA	6-38
O. 25	Troy State	10-50
N. 1	Jacksonville State	27-17
N. 8	at TENNESSEE MARTIN	31-12
N. 15	Eaton	
N. 22	Western Carolina	

Coach: Pete Hurt **Colors:** Crimson & Blue **Nickname:** Bulldogs '96 Record: 5-5

San Diego San Diego, CA		
S. 13	St. Mary's (CA)	3-52
S. 20	Redlands*	
S. 27	at CAL LUTHERAN	44-19
O. 4	at EVANSVILLE	23-24
O. 11	Butler	3-34
O. 18	at DAYTON*	34-40
O. 25	Drake*	7-34
N. 1	at VALPARAISO	10-7
N. 8	at WHITTIER	20-0
N. 15	Wagner	

Coach: Brian Fogarty **Colors:** Navy, Columbia Blue & White **Nickname:** Toreros '96 Record: 4-6

San Diego State San Diego, CA		
S. 5	Navy	
S. 13	at WASHINGTON	
S. 20	at WISCONSIN	
S. 27	at AIR FORCE	28-23
O. 4	at ARIZONA	
O. 11	New Mexico	48-42
O. 18	UNLV	42-44
O. 25	at HAWAII	56-8
N. 1	at WYOMING	28-24
N. 8	San Jose State	49-20
N. 15	at FRESNO STATE	31-21
N. 22	Colorado State	18-27

Coach: Ted Tollner **Colors:** Scarlet & Black **Nickname:** Aztecs '96 Record: 8-3

San Jose St. San Jose, CA		
S. 6	at STANFORD	2-25
S. 13	Wisconsin	
S. 20	at WYOMING	22-45
O. 4	at OREGON STATE	
O. 11	Colorado State	13-36
O. 18	at UTEP*	26-25
O. 25	Air Force	0-45
N. 1	Fresno State	18-28
N. 8	at SAN DIEGO STATE*	20-49
N. 15	Hawaii	38-17
N. 22	at UNLV	31-28

Coach: Dave Baldwin **Colors:** Gold, Blue & White **Nickname:** Spartans '96 Record: 3-9

Siena Loudonville, NY		
S. 20	at DUQUESNE	20-28
S. 27	Canisius	7-25
O. 4	at GEORGETOWN	6-43
O. 11	Iona	14-8
O. 18	St. Peter's*	27-32
O. 25	St. John's (NY)	21-29
N. 1	at FAIRFIELD*	45-7
N. 8	MIT	
N. 15	at MARIST	6-41

Coach: Jack DuBois **Colors:** Green & Gold **Nickname:** Saints '96 Record: 2-7

South Carolina Columbia, SC		
S. 6	Central Florida*	33-14
S. 13	at GEORGIA	23-14
S. 20	at EAST CAROLINA	7-23
S. 27	at MISSISSIPPI STATE*	10-14
O. 4	Auburn	24-28
O. 11	Kentucky	25-14
O. 18	at ARKANSAS	23-17
O. 25	Vanderbilt	27-0
N. 1	at TENNESSEE	14-31
N. 15	Florida	25-52
N. 22	Clemson	34-31

Coach: Brad Scott **Colors:** Garnet & Black **Nickname:** Gamecocks '96 Record: 6-5

South Carolina St. Orangeburg, SC		
S. 6	Charleston Southern	
S. 13	Furman	13-27
S. 27	Tennessee State*	
O. 4	at MORGAN STATE	27-20
O. 11	Norfolk State	
O. 18	at BETHUNE-COOKMAN	20-18
O. 25	at HAMPTON	14-20
N. 1	Delaware State	34-14
N. 8	at HOWARD	8-23
N. 15	Florida A&M	6-20
N. 22	at NORTH CAROLINA A&T	35-0

Coach: Willie E. Jeffries **Colors:** Garnet & Blue **Nickname:** Bulldogs '96 Record: 4-6

SE Missouri St. Cape Girardeau, MO		
A. 30	Lambuth*	
S. 13	Illinois State*	0-29
S. 20	at MURRAY STATE*	0-16
S. 27	at TENNESSEE-MARTIN*	6-7
O. 4	Eastern Illinois	21-41
O. 11	Tennessee Tech	20-30
O. 25	at MIDDLE TENNESSEE	16-13 (OT)
N. 1	at AUSTIN PEAY	17-13
N. 8	Eastern Kentucky	0-45
N. 15	Southern Illinois	17-34
N. 22	Tennessee State	24-21

Coach: John Mumford **Colors:** Red & White **Nickname:** Indians '96 Record: 3-8

Southern California Los Angeles, CA		
S. 6	Florida State	
S. 13	Washington State	29-24
S. 27	at CALIFORNIA	15-22
O. 4	UNLV	
O. 11	at ARIZONA STATE	35-48 (OT)
O. 18	at NOTRE DAME	27-20
O. 25	Oregon	
N. 1	at WASHINGTON	10-21
N. 8	Stanford	20-24
N. 15	at OREGON STATE	46-17
N. 22	UCLA	41-48 (OT)

Coach: John Robinson **Colors:** Cardinal & Gold **Nickname:** Trojans '96 Record: 6-6

Southern Illinois Carbondale, IL		
S. 6	at NICHOLLS STATE	
S. 13	Murray State	36-48
S. 20	at INDIANA STATE*	19-24
S. 27	at NORTHERN IOWA*	7-33
O. 4	Southwest Missouri State	17-24
O. 11	Illinois State	38-35
O. 18	at SOUTH FLORIDA	
O. 25	Western Kentucky	37-51
N. 1	at WESTERN ILLINOIS	19-26
N. 8	Youngstown State	
N. 15	at SE MISSOURI STATE	34-17

Coach: Jan Quarless **Colors:** Maroon & White **Nickname:** Salukis '96 Record: 5-6

Southern Methodist Dallas, TX		
S. 6	at MISSISSIPPI	
S. 13	Arkansas*	23-10
S. 20	Navy*	17-19
S. 27	Brigham Young*	3-31
O. 4	at NEW MEXICO*	52-31
O. 11	at UTAH	17-21
O. 25	Wyoming	17-59
N. 1	Rice	17-35
N. 8	UTEP*	30-0
N. 15	at TULSA	17-10
N. 22	at TEXAS CHRISTIAN*	27-24

Coach: Mike Cavan **Colors:** Red & Blue **Nickname:** Mustangs '96 Record: 5-6

Southern Miss Hattiesburg, MS		
A. 30	at FLORIDA	
S. 6	at ILLINOIS	
S. 20	Nevada	
S. 27	at ALABAMA	10-20
O. 4	Louisville	24-7
O. 11	at EAST CAROLINA	28-7
O. 25	Tulane*	31-28
N. 1	at CINCINNATI	21-17
N. 8	at TENNESSEE	
N. 15	Houston	49-56 (OT)
N. 22	at MEMPHIS	16-0

Coach: Jeff Bower **Colors:** Black & Gold **Nickname:** Golden Eagles '96 Record: 6-3

Southern Baton Rouge, LA		
A. 30	at MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	24-0
S. 6	Northwestern State*	10-27
S. 13	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	
S. 20	Prairie View*	63-0
O. 4	at ALABAMA STATE	14-16
O. 18	at JACKSON STATE	27-16
O. 25	Alcorn State	21-14
N. 1	Nicholls State*	0-14
N. 8	at FLORIDA A&M	21-17
N. 15	at TEXAS SOUTHERN*	30-34
N. 22	Grambling*	17-12

Coach: Pete Richardson **Colors:** Blue & Gold **Nickname:** Jaguars '96 Record: 7-4

Southern Utah Cedar City, UT		
A. 30	Illinois State*	
S. 6	Fort Lewis*	
S. 13	at WEBER STATE*	
S. 20	at ARKANSAS STATE*	
S. 27	Montana Tech	42-17
O. 4	Western Illinois	
O. 18	at IDAHO STATE	
O. 25	at SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	41-27
N. 1	California-Davis	19-26
N. 8	at NORTHERN IOWA*	21-31
N. 15	at ST. MARY'S (CA)	20-38

Coach: Rich Ellerson **Colors:** Scarlet, Royal Blue & White **Nickname:** Thunderbirds '96 Record: 4-7

SW Missouri St. Springfield, MO		
A. 28	Pittsburg State*	
S. 6	at JACKSONVILLE STATE*	34-9
S. 13	McNeese State	12-7
S. 20	Tennessee-Martin*	39-7
O. 4	at SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	24-17
O. 11	Indiana State	27-12
O. 18	Illinois State	24-13
O. 25	at WESTERN ILLINOIS	17-23
N. 1	Northern Iowa	31-38
N. 8	at ARKANSAS STATE	
N. 15	at YOUNGSTOWN STATE	13-17

Coach: Del Miller **Colors:** Maroon & White **Nickname:** Bears '96 Record: 7-4

SW Texas St. San Marcos, TX		
S. 4	Cal State-Sacramento*	
S. 13	at JACKSONVILLE STATE*	34-9
S. 20	Montana State	12-7
S. 27	Tennessee-Martin*	39-7
O. 4	at SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	24-17
O. 11	Indiana State	27-12
O. 18	Illinois State	24-13
O. 25	at WESTERN ILLINOIS	17-23
N. 1	Northern Iowa	31-38
N. 8	at ARKANSAS STATE	
N. 15	at JACKSONVILLE STATE	
N. 22	Sam Houston State	17-29

Coach: Jim Bob Helduser **Colors:** Maroon & Gold **Nickname:** Bobcats '96 Record: 5-6

SW Louisiana Lafayette, LA		
A. 30	at PITTSBURGH	
S. 6	Oklahoma State*	
S. 13	at TEXAS TECH*	21-56
S. 20	at TEXAS A&M	29-22
S. 27	Alabama-Birmingham	29-39
O. 4	at ARKANSAS STATE	42-31
O. 25	Northeast Louisiana	
N. 1	Tulane*	
N. 8	at WASHINGTON STATE	
N. 15	Louisiana Tech*	37-31

Coach: Nelson Stokley **Colors:** Vermillion & White **Nickname:** Ragin' Cajuns '96 Record: 5-6

St. Francis Loretto, PA		
S. 6	at WAYNESSBURG	27-0
S. 13	at DUQUESNE	14-52
S. 20	Butler	
S. 27	at WAGNER	6-24
O. 4	at MERCYHURST	6-13
O. 11	Central Connecticut State	14-28
O. 18	Monmouth	17-46
O. 25	Gannon	31-28
N. 1	Marist	
N. 8	at ROBERT MORRIS	15-16
N. 15	at LA SALLE	

Coach: Frank Pergolizzi **Colors:** Red & White **Nickname:** Red Flash '96 Record: 3-7

St. John's Jamaica, NY

S. 12	at CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	W	
S. 20	at FAIRFIELD	W	43-22
S. 27	at STONY BROOK	W	9-24
O. 4	at St. Peter's	W	27-13
O. 10	Marist	W	20-28
O. 18	at DUQUESNE	W	9-36
O. 25	at SIENA	W	29-21
N. 1	Canisius	W	41-28
N. 8	at GEORGETOWN	W	13-23
N. 14	Iona	W	45-14
N. 27	Sacred Heart	W	24-0

Coach: Bob Ricca **Colors:** Red & White
Nickname: Red Storm '96 Record: 6-4

St. Mary's Moraga, CA

S. 6	at NORTHEASTERN	W	
S. 13	at SAN DIEGO	W	52-3
S. 20	at MONTANA	W	
S. 27	at CAL POLY SLO	W	33-34
O. 4	at CAL STATE CHICO	W	
O. 11	at PORTLAND STATE	W	
O. 18	at CHAPMAN	W	42-29
O. 25	California-Davis	W	10-31
N. 8	Bucknell	W	
N. 15	Southern Utah	W	38-20

Coach: Mike Rasmussen **Colors:** Red & Blue
Nickname: Gaels '96 Record: 7-3

St. Peter's Jersey City, NJ

S. 12	La Salle	L	
S. 20	Canisius	L	7-12
S. 27	at MARIST	L	13-21
O. 4	at ST. JOHN'S (NY)	L	13-27
O. 11	Wagner	L	12-41
O. 18	at SIENA	L	32-27
O. 25	Iona	L	14-20 (OT)
O. 31	Georgetown	L	14-61
N. 8	at DUQUESNE	L	9-48
N. 15	Fairfield	L	17-13

Coach: Mark Collins **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Peacocks '96 Record: 2-7

Stanford Stanford, CA

S. 6	San Jose State	W	25-2
S. 13	at NORTH CAROLINA	W	
S. 20	at OREGON STATE	W	12-26
S. 27	Oregon	W	27-24 (OT)
O. 4	Notre Dame	W	
O. 11	at ARIZONA	W	5-6
O. 18	Arizona State	W	9-41
N. 1	UCLA	W	21-20
N. 8	at SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	W	24-20
N. 15	at WASHINGTON STATE	W	33-17
N. 22	California	W	42-21

Coach: Tyrone Willingham **Colors:** Cardinal & White
Nickname: Cardinal '96 Record: 6-5

Stephen F. Austin Nacogdoches, TX

S. 6	West Texas A&M	W	
S. 13	Delta State	W	47-16
S. 20	at MONTANA	W	
S. 27	New Hampshire	W	
O. 11	Jacksonville State	W	42-10
O. 18	at TROY STATE	W	13-10
O. 25	McNeese State	W	38-37
N. 1	Southwest Texas State	W	19-31
N. 8	at SAM HOUSTON STATE	W	10-14
N. 15	Nicholls State	W	27-11
N. 22	at NORTHWESTERN STATE	W	10-17

Coach: John Pearce **Colors:** Purple & White
Nickname: Lumberjacks '96 Record: 7-4

Syracuse Syracuse, NY

S. 6	at WISCONSIN	W	
S. 13	at NORTH CAROLINA STATE	W	
S. 20	at OKLAHOMA	W	
S. 27	at VIRGINIA TECH	W	52-21
O. 4	Tulane	W	31-7
O. 11	East Carolina	W	
O. 18	at RUTGERS	W	42-0
O. 25	Temple	W	36-15
N. 1	West Virginia	W	30-7
N. 8	Boston College	W	45-17
N. 15	at PITTSBURGH	W	55-7
N. 22	at MIAMI (FL)	W	31-38
	@ At East Rutherford, NY		

Coach: Paul Pasqualoni **Colors:** Orange
Nickname: Orangemen '96 Record: 8-3

Temple Philadelphia, PA

A. 28	at WESTERN MICHIGAN	W	
S. 6	Boston College	W	20-21
S. 13	at PENN. STATE	W	0-41
S. 20	Virginia Tech	W	0-38
S. 27	Maryland	W	3-8
O. 4	Pittsburgh	W	52-53
O. 18	at SYRACUSE	W	15-36
O. 25	at MIAMI (FL)	W	26-57
N. 1	Rutgers	W	17-28
N. 8	at NAVY	W	
N. 15	at WEST VIRGINIA	W	10-30
	@ At Philadelphia, PA		

Coach: Ron Dickerson **Colors:** Cherry & White
Nickname: Owls '96 Record: 1-10

Tennessee Knoxville, TN

A. 30	Texas Tech	W	
S. 6	at UCLA	W	35-20
S. 20	at FLORIDA	W	29-35
O. 4	Mississippi	W	41-3
O. 11	Georgia	W	29-17
O. 18	at ALABAMA	W	20-13
N. 1	South Carolina	W	31-14
N. 8	Southern Mississippi	W	
N. 15	at ARKANSAS	W	55-14
N. 22	at KENTUCKY	W	56-10
N. 29	Vanderbilt	W	14-7

Coach: Phillip Fulmer **Colors:** Orange & White
Nickname: Volunteers '96 Record: 9-2

Tennessee St. Nashville, TN

A. 30	at FLORIDA A&M	W	20-35
S. 6	Middle Tennessee State	W	24-14
S. 13	Jackson State	W	14-21
S. 27	at SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	W	
O. 4	at NORTH CAROLINA A&T	W	
O. 11	Eastern Kentucky	W	10-30
O. 18	at TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA	W	
O. 25	at TENNESSEE-MARTIN	W	37-14
N. 8	Tennessee Tech	W	19-21
N. 15	Murray State	W	14-50
N. 22	at SE MISSOURI STATE	W	21-24
	@ At Atlanta, GA # At Indianapolis, IN		

Coach: L.C. Cole **Colors:** Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Tigers '96 Record: 4-7

Tennessee Tech Cookeville, TN

S. 6	at TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA	W	
S. 20	at SAMFORD	W	20-10
S. 27	Eastern Illinois	W	27-35
O. 4	at AUSTIN PEAY	W	23-17
O. 11	at SE MISSOURI STATE	W	30-20
O. 18	Tennessee-Martin	W	21-14 (OT)
O. 25	at EASTERN KENTUCKY	W	7-28
N. 1	Murray State	W	3-41
N. 8	at TENNESSEE STATE	W	21-19
N. 15	at ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM	W	
N. 22	Middle Tennessee State	W	10-16

Coach: Mike Hennigan **Colors:** Purple & Gold
Nickname: Golden Eagles '96 Record: 5-6

UT-Martin Martin, TN

A. 28	Western Kentucky	W	
S. 6	at EASTERN ILLINOIS	W	0-38
S. 20	at SW MISSOURI STATE	W	7-39
S. 27	Southeast Missouri State	W	7-6
O. 4	Murray State	W	14-28
O. 11	Middle Tennessee State	W	12-30
O. 18	at TENNESSEE TECH	W	14-21 (OT)
O. 25	Tennessee State	W	14-37
N. 1	at EASTERN KENTUCKY	W	7-45
N. 8	Samford	W	12-31
N. 15	at AUSTIN PEAY	W	24-55

Coach: Don McLeary **Colors:** Orange, Blue & White
Nickname: Skyhawks '96 Record: 1-10

Texas Austin, TX

S. 6	Rutgers	W	
S. 13	UCLA	W	
S. 27	at RICE	W	
O. 4	at OKLAHOMA STATE	W	71-14
O. 11	Oklahoma	W	27-30 (OT)
O. 18	at MISSOURI	W	40-10
O. 25	Colorado	W	24-28
N. 1	at BAYLOR	W	28-23
N. 8	Texas Tech	W	38-32
N. 15	Kansas	W	38-17
N. 27	at TEXAS A&M	W	51-15
	@ At Dallas, TX		

Coach: John Mackovic **Colors:** White & Burnt Orange
Nickname: Longhorns '96 Record: 8-4

Texas A&M College Station, TX

S. 6	Sam Houston State	W	
S. 20	Southwestern Louisiana	W	22-29
S. 27	at NORTH TEXAS	W	55-0
O. 4	at COLORADO	W	10-24
O. 11	Iowa State	W	24-21
O. 18	at KANSAS STATE	W	20-23
O. 25	at TEXAS TECH	W	10-13
N. 1	Oklahoma State	W	38-19
N. 8	Baylor	W	24-7
N. 15	at OKLAHOMA	W	33-16
N. 27	Texas	W	15-51

Coach: R.C. Slocum **Colors:** Maroon & White
Nickname: Aggies '96 Record: 6-6

Texas Christian Fort Worth, TX

S. 6	at KANSAS	W	17-52
S. 13	Utah	W	21-21
S. 20	at VANDERBILT	W	1-10
O. 4	North Carolina	W	
O. 11	at UNLV	W	42-34
O. 18	Tulsa	W	31-24
O. 25	at BRIGHAM YOUNG	W	21-45
N. 1	New Mexico	W	7-27
N. 8	at RICE	W	17-30
N. 15	at UTEP	W	18-0
N. 20	Southern Methodist	W	24-27

Coach: Pat Sullivan **Colors:** Purple & White
Nickname: Horned Frogs '96 Record: 4-7

Texas Southern Houston, TX

A. 30	Prairie View	W	24-24
S. 6	Alabama State	W	10-3
S. 20	at MORGAN STATE	W	42-3
S. 27	Sam Houston State	W	26-20
O. 4	Jackson State	W	14-31
O. 11	at ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W	10-21
O. 18	Alcorn State	W	28-17
O. 25	at MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	W	17-23
N. 1	at GRAMBLING	W	20-7
N. 8	Lane	W	18-20
N. 15	Southern University	W	34-30

Coach: Bill Thomas **Colors:** Maroon & Gray
Nickname: Tigers '96 Record: 7-4

Texas Tech Lubbock, TX

A. 30	at TENNESSEE	W	
S. 13	Southwestern Louisiana	W	56-21
S. 20	North Texas	W	
O. 4	at BAYLOR	W	45-24
O. 11	Kansas	W	30-17
O. 18	at NEBRASKA	W	10-24
O. 25	Texas A&M	W	13-10
N. 1	Kansas State	W	14-21
N. 8	at TEXAS	W	32-38
N. 15	at OKLAHOMA STATE	W	31-3
N. 22	Oklahoma	W	22-12

Coach: Spike Dykes **Colors:** Scarlet & Black
Nickname: Red Raiders '96 Record: 7-4

Toledo Toledo, OH

S. 6	Purdue	W	
S. 13	Eastern Michigan	W	24-7
S. 20	at WESTERN MICHIGAN	W	10-7 (OT)
S. 27	Nevada	W	
O. 11	at CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W	23-20
O. 18	Northern Illinois	W	
O. 25	at BOWLING GREEN	W	24-16
N. 1	Miami (OH)	W	7-27
N. 8	at BALL STATE	W	14-24
N. 15	Akron	W	27-10
N. 22	at CENTRAL FLORIDA	W	

Coach: Gary Pinkel **Colors:** Midnight Blue & Gold
Nickname: Rockets '96 Record: 7-4

Towson St. Towson, MD

S. 6	Monmouth (NJ)	W	15-6
S. 13	High Cross	W	
S. 20	Lehigh	W	
S. 27	at COLUMBIA	W	
O. 4	at PENNSYLVANIA	W	
O. 18	Robert Morris	W	0-7
O. 25	at LAFAYETTE	W	
N. 1	at FORDHAM	W	
N. 8	at COLGATE	W	10-35
N. 15	Bucknell	W	7-44

Coach: Gordy Combs **Colors:** White, Gold & Black
Nickname: Tigers '96 Record: 6-4

Troy St. Troy, AL

A. 30	Alcorn State	W	61-7
S. 6	Eastern Kentucky	W	40-38
S. 20	at NICHOLLS STATE	W	37-7
O. 4	at SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	W	24-13
O. 11	Sam Houston State	W	35-14
O. 18	Stephen F. Austin	W	10-13
O. 25	at SAMFORD	W	50-10
N. 1	Northwestern State	W	26-13
N. 8	at NICHOLLS STATE	W	37-3
N. 15	at MCNEESE STATE	W	16-12
N. 22	Jacksonville State	W	31-21

Coach: Larry Blackeney **Colors:** Cardinal, Silver & Blue
Nickname: Trojans '96 Record: 12-2

Tulane New Orleans, LA

S. 6	Cincinnati	W	34-14
S. 13	Rice	W	14-21
S. 20	at SYRACUSE	W	7-31
O. 4	Army	W	10-34
O. 11	at LOUISVILLE	W	20-23
O. 18	East Carolina	W	
O. 25	at SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	W	28-31
N. 1	at SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA	W	
N. 8	Memphis	W	10-17
N. 15	Mississippi	W	
N. 22	at HOUSTON	W	17-20

Coach: Tommy Bowden **Colors:** Olive Green & Silver
Nickname: Green Wave '96 Record: 2-9

Tulsa Tulsa, OK

A. 28	at CINCINNATI	W	
S. 13	at IOWA	W	27-20
S. 20	Missouri	W	
O. 4	Rice	W	14-42
O. 11	UTEP	W	39-21
O. 18	at TEXAS CHRISTIAN	W	24-31
O. 25	at COLORADO STATE	W	20-14
N. 1	Utah	W	19-45
N. 8	at BRIGHAM YOUNG	W	30-55
N. 15	Southern Methodist	W	10-17
N. 22	at NEW MEXICO	W	23-34

Coach: David Rader **Colors:** Crimson, Royal Blue & Gold
Nickname: Golden Hurricane '96 Record: 4-7

UCLA Los Angeles, CA

A. 30	at WASHINGTON STATE	W	38-14
S. 6	Tennessee	W	20-35
S. 13	at TEXAS	W	
S. 27	Arizona	W	17-35
O. 4	Houston	W	
O. 11	at OREGON	W	41-22
O. 18	Oregon State		
O. 25	California	W	38-25
N. 1	at STANFORD	W	20-21
N. 15	Washington	W	21-41
N. 22	at SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	48-41 (OT)	

Utah St. Logan, UT

A. 30	at UTAH*	20-17
S. 6	Idaho State*	
S. 13	Colorado State*	
S. 20	New Mexico*	
O. 3	at BRIGHAM YOUNG*	17-45
O. 11	at OREGON STATE*	
O. 18	New Mexico State*	53-21
O. 25	at IDAHO*	35-28
N. 1	Boise State	39-14
N. 15	at NEVADA	27-54
N. 22	at NORTH TEXAS	21-13

Coach: John L. Smith **Colors:** Navy Blue & White
Nickname: Aggies '96 Record: 6-5

UTEP El Paso, TX

S. 6	at LOUISIANA STATE*	
S. 13	New Mexico*	17-44
S. 20	at UTAH	27-34
S. 27	New Mexico State	14-7
O. 4	at CLEMSON	
O. 11	at TULSA	21-38
O. 18	San Jose State*	25-26
N. 1	Brigham Young	18-40
N. 8	at SOUTHERN METHODIST*	0-30
N. 15	Texas Christian*	0-18
N. 22	at RICE	21-48

Coach: Charlie Bailey **Colors:** Orange, Blue & White
Nickname: Miners '96 Record: 2-9

Valparaiso Valparaiso, IN

S. 6	Hope	23-22
S. 13	at ALMA	66-21
S. 20	at MOREHEAD STATE*	0-24
S. 27	Drake	12-27
O. 4	Yale@	
O. 11	Evansville	35-41
O. 18	at BUTLER	50-29
O. 25	at DAYTON	35-37
N. 1	San Diego	7-10
N. 8	at AURORA	24-19
N. 22	at CHICAGO, IL	

Coach: Tom Horne **Colors:** Brown & Gold
Nickname: Crusaders '96 Record: 4-6

Vanderbilt Nashville, TN

A. 30	North Texas*	19-7
S. 11	Alabama*	26-36
S. 20	Texas Christian*	
S. 27	at MISSISSIPPI	9-20
O. 4	Louisiana State	0-35
O. 11	at NORTHERN ILLINOIS	
O. 18	Georgia	2-13
O. 25	at SOUTH CAROLINA	0-27
N. 8	at FLORIDA	21-28
N. 15	Kentucky	0-25
N. 22	at TENNESSEE	7-14

Coach: Woody Widenhofer **Colors:** Old Gold & Black
Nickname: Commodores '96 Record: 2-9

Villanova Villanova, PA

A. 28	West Chester*	
S. 13	at DELAWARE	27-0
S. 20	Maine	
O. 4	James Madison	40-23
O. 11	Massachusetts	50-14
O. 18	at RICHMOND	20-3
O. 25	at WILLIAM & MARY	21-30
N. 1	at RHODE ISLAND	34-16
N. 8	New Hampshire	0-34
N. 15	Buffalo	
N. 22	Northwestern	42-31

Coach: Andy Talley **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Wildcats '96 Record: 8-4

Virginia Charlottesville, VA

S. 4	Auburn*	
S. 13	Richmond	
S. 27	at NORTH CAROLINA	20-17
O. 4	Wake Forest	42-7
O. 11	at CLEMSON	16-24
O. 18	Duke	27-3
O. 25	Florida State	24-31
N. 1	at MARYLAND	21-3
N. 8	Georgia Tech	7-13
N. 15	at NORTH CAROLINA STATE	62-14
N. 22	Virginia Tech	9-26

Coach: George Welsh **Colors:** Orange & Blue
Nickname: Cavaliers '96 Record: 7-4

Virginia Military Lexington, VA

S. 6	at WOFFORD	
S. 13	William & Mary	21-40
S. 20	at RICHMOND	20-7
S. 27	at FURMAN	14-31
O. 4	Georgia Southern	17-20
O. 11	Tennessee-Chattanooga	28-14
O. 18	at NAVY	
N. 1	at WESTERN CAROLINA	14-17
N. 8	Appalachian State	14-26
N. 15	at CITADEL	34-27 (OT)
N. 22	East Tennessee State	0-38

Coach: Bill Stewart **Colors:** Red, White & Yellow
Nickname: Keydets '96 Record: 3-8

Virginia Tech Blacksburg, VA

A. 30	at RUTGERS	30-14
S. 13	Syracuse	21-52
S. 20	at TEMPLE	38-0
S. 27	Arkansas State	
O. 4	Miami (OH)	
O. 11	Boston College	45-7
O. 25	at WEST VIRGINIA	31-14
N. 1	Alabama-Birmingham	
N. 8	Miami (FL)	21-7
N. 22	at PITTSBURGH	34-17
N. 29	at VIRGINIA	26-9

Coach: Frank Beamer **Colors:** Burnt Orange & Maroon
Nickname: Hokies '96 Record: 10-1

Wagner Staten Island, NY

S. 13	Iona	27-0
S. 20	Case Western Reserve	
S. 27	St. Francis (PA)	24-6
O. 4	at ROBERT MORRIS	38-35
O. 11	at ST. PETER'S	41-12
O. 18	Central Connecticut State	41-49
O. 25	at MARIST	27-28
N. 1	Stony Brook	27-20
N. 8	at MONMOUTH (NJ)	10-23
N. 15	at SAN DIEGO	
N. 22	at LA SALLE	

Coach: Walt Hameline **Colors:** Green & White
Nickname: Seahawks '96 Record: 5-5

Wake Forest Winston-Salem, NC

S. 6	Northwestern	28-27
S. 13	at EAST CAROLINA	
S. 20	Georgia Tech	10-30
S. 27	North Carolina State	22-37
O. 4	at VIRGINIA	7-42
O. 11	at NORTH CAROLINA	6-45
O. 18	Maryland	0-52
O. 25	at DUKE	16-16
N. 1	Clemson	10-21
N. 8	at RUTGERS	
N. 15	at FLORIDA STATE	7-44

Coach: Jim Caldwell **Colors:** Black & Old Gold
Nickname: Demon Deacons '96 Record: 3-8

Washington Seattle, WA

S. 6	at BRIGHAM YOUNG	29-17
S. 13	San Diego State	
S. 20	Nebraska	
O. 4	Arizona State	42-45
O. 11	at CALIFORNIA	
O. 18	at ARIZONA	31-17
O. 25	at OREGON STATE	42-3
N. 1	Southern California	21-10
N. 8	Oregon	33-14
N. 15	at UCLA	41-21
N. 22	Washington State	31-24 (OT)

Coach: Jim Lambright **Colors:** Purple & Gold
Nickname: Huskies '96 Record: 0-2

Washington St. Pullman, WA

A. 30	UCLA	14-38
S. 13	at SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	24-29
S. 20	at ILLINOIS	
S. 27	Boise State	
O. 4	at OREGON	55-44
O. 11	California	21-18
O. 25	Arizona	26-34
N. 1	at ARIZONA STATE	
N. 8	Southwestern Louisiana	
N. 15	Stanford	17-33
N. 22	at WASHINGTON	24-31 (OT)

Coach: Mike Price **Colors:** Crimson & Gray
Nickname: Cougars '96 Record: 5-6

Weber St. Ogden, UT

S. 6	Western St.*	36-3
S. 13	Southern Utah*	
S. 20	at BOISE STATE*	
S. 27	at EASTERN WASHINGTON*	22-20
O. 4	Northern Arizona*	45-59
O. 11	at CAL STATE NORTHridge	28-35
O. 18	Portland State	35-10
N. 1	at MONTANA STATE	17-7
N. 8	Cal State-Sacramento	41-31
N. 15	at MONTANA	10-24
N. 22	Idaho State	37-22

Coach: Dave Arslanian **Colors:** Royal Purple & White
Nickname: Wildcats '96 Record: 7-4

West Virginia Morgantown, WV

A. 30	Marshall	
S. 6	East Carolina	10-9
S. 13	at BOSTON COLLEGE	34-17
S. 27	at MIAMI (FL)	7-10
O. 4	Rutgers	55-14
O. 11	at MARYLAND	13-0
O. 25	Virginia Tech	14-31
N. 1	at SYRACUSE	7-30
N. 15	Temple	30-10
N. 22	at NOTRE DAME	
N. 28	Pittsburgh	34-0

Coach: Don Nahlen **Colors:** Old Gold & Blue
Nickname: Mountaineers '96 Record: 8-3

Western Carolina Cullowhee, NC

S. 13	Liberty*	20-10
S. 20	Citadel*	14-28
S. 27	at EAST TENNESSEE STATE*	10-49
O. 4	Furman	30-45
O. 11	at GEORGIA SOUTHERN*	28-38
O. 18	Wofford	24-6
O. 25	at TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA*	6-20
N. 1	Virginia Military	17-14
N. 8	at ELON	45-28
N. 15	at APPALACHIAN STATE	17-24
N. 22	at SAMFORD	

Coach: Steve Hodgins **Colors:** Purple & Gold
Nickname: Catamounts '96 Record: 4-7

Western Illinois Macomb, IL

A. 28	Eastern Illinois*	10-17
S. 6	Truman	
S. 13	at ALCORN STATE*	34-17
S. 20	at MARSHALL*	
O. 4	at SOUTHERN UTAH*	
O. 11	Northern Iowa	6-30
O. 18	at INDIANA STATE	7-10
O. 25	Southwest Missouri State	23-17
N. 1	Southern Illinois	26-19
N. 8	at ILLINOIS STATE	28-11
N. 22	at YOUNGSTOWN STATE*	

Coach: Randy Ball **Colors:** Purple & Old Gold
Nickname: Leathernecks '96 Record: 9-3

Western Kentucky Bowling Green, KY

A. 28	at TENNESSEE-MARTIN*	
S. 6	Murray State*	14-11 (OT)
S. 13	at EASTERN KENTUCKY*	11-17
S. 20	Austin Peay*	14-2
S. 27	South Florida*	
O. 4	at ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM*	0-24
O. 18	at LIBERTY	14-23
O. 25	at SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	51-37
N. 1	Morehead State	31-26
N. 8	at INDIANA STATE	27-20

Coach: Jack Harbaugh **Colors:** Red & White
Nickname: Hilltoppers '96 Record: 7-4

Western Michigan Kalamazoo, MI

A. 28	Temple	
S. 6	at MICHIGAN STATE	
S. 13	at NORTHERN ILLINOIS	7-10 (OT)
S. 20	Toledo	
S. 27	at OHIO	0-38
O. 4	Ball State	5-28
O. 11	at BOWLING GREEN	16-13 (OT)
O. 18	Kent	76-27
N. 1	at EASTERN MICHIGAN	12-19
N. 8	Central Michigan	28-38
N. 15	at NORTHEAST LOUISIANA	

Coach: Gary Darnell **Colors:** Brown & Gold
Nickname: Broncos '96 Record: 2-9

William & Mary Williamsburg, VA

A. 30	Hampton	
S. 6	at GEORGIA SOUTHERN*	
S. 13	at VIRGINIA MILITARY*	40-21
S. 20	at NEW HAMPSHIRE*	31-7
S. 27	Boston University*	
O. 4	at NORTHEASTERN*	21-14
O. 11	James Madison	21-26
O. 18	at CONNECTICUT	
O. 25	Villanova	30-21
N. 1	at DELAWARE	10-7 (OT)
N. 15	Richmond	28-13

Coach: Jimmie Laycock **Colors:** Green, Gold & Silver
Nickname: Tribe '96 Record: 10-3

Wisconsin Madison, WI

A. 24	Syracuse@	
S. 6	Boise State	
S. 13	at SAN JOSE STATE	
S. 20	San Diego State	
S. 27	Indiana	
O. 4	at NORTHWESTERN	30-34
O. 11	Illinois	35-15
O. 18	at PURDUE	33-25
O. 25	at MINNESOTA	45-28
N. 8	Iowa	0-31
N. 15	Michigan	
N. 22	at PENN STATE	20-23
N. 29	at East Rutherford, NJ	

Coach: Barry Alvarez **Colors:** Cardinal & White
Nickname: Badgers '96 Record: 7-5

Wofford Spartanburg, SC

S. 6	Virginia Military	
S. 13	Georgia Southern	
O. 4	at TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA*	
O. 11	at MOREHEAD STATE	41-14
O. 18	at WESTERN CAROLINA	6-24
O. 25	Appalachian State	
N. 1	at CITADEL	26-21
N. 8	East Tennessee State	
N. 15	at FURMAN	3-33
N. 22	Charleston Southern	43-15

Coach: Mike Ayers **Colors:** Old Gold & Black
Nickname: Terriers '96 Record: 6-5

Wyoming Laramie, WY

A. 28	at OHIO STATE*	
S. 6	Iowa State	41-38 (OT)
S. 13	at HAWAII*	66-0
S. 20	San Jose State	45-22
S. 27	at COLORADO	
O. 11	at NEVADA	
O. 18	Colorado State	25-24
O. 25	at SOUTHERN METHODIST*	59-17
N. 1	San Diego State	24-28
N. 8	UNLV	33-21
N. 15	at AIR FORCE	22-19
N. 22	at FRESNO STATE	42-21

Coach: Dana Dimel **Colors:** Brown & Yellow
Nickname: Cowboys '96 Record: 10-2

Yale New Haven, CT

S. 20	Brown	30-0
S. 27	Connecticut	6-42
O. 4	at VALPARAISO@	
O. 11	Bucknell	23-21
O. 18	Dartmouth	6-40
O. 25	at COLUMBIA	10-13
N. 1	Pennsylvania	3-20
N. 8	at CORNELL	20-28
N. 15	Princeton	13-17
N. 22	Harvard	21-26
N. 29	at Chicago, IL	

Coach: Jack Siedlecki **Colors:** Yale Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs '96 Record: 2-8

Youngstown St. Youngstown, OH

A. 28	Slippery Rock*	22-37
S. 6	Kent*	2-26
S. 20	at BOSTON UNIVERSITY*	
S. 27	Hofstra*	14-3
O. 4	at INDIANA STATE	
O. 11	Buffalo	17-6
O. 18	at NORTHWEST IOWA	10-23
N. 1	Illinois State	28-31 (OT)
N. 8	at SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	
N. 15	Southwest Missouri State	17-13
N. 22	Western Illinois	

Coach: Jim Tressel **Colors:** Scarlet & White
Nickname: Penguins '96 Record: 8-3

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DIVISION I-A INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing Efficiency (Minimum of 15 attempts per game)

	CLASS	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	INT PCT	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	PCT	RATING
Steve Sarkisian, Brigham Young	SR	14	404	278	68.81	12	2.97	4027	9.97	33	8.17	173.6
Danny Wuerffel, Florida	SR	12	360	207	57.50	13	3.61	3625	10.07	39	10.83	170.6
Billy Blanton, San Diego St.	SR	11	344	227	65.99	5	1.45	3221	9.36	29	8.43	169.6
Josh Wallwork, Wyoming	SR	12	458	286	62.45	15	3.28	4090	8.93	33	7.21	154.7
John Dutton, Nevada	SO	11	334	222	66.47	6	1.80	2750	8.23	22	6.59	153.8
Pat Barnes, California	SR	11	420	250	59.52	8	1.90	3499	8.33	31	7.38	150.1
Peyton Manning, Tennessee	JR	11	380	243	63.95	12	3.16	3287	8.65	20	5.26	147.7
Mike Fouts, Utah	SR	11	302	177	58.61	7	2.32	2526	8.36	21	6.95	147.2
Ryan Clement, Miami (Fla.)	JR	11	246	148	60.16	6	2.44	1983	8.06	18	7.32	147.1
Brent Baldwin, Ball St.	SR	11	205	121	59.02	5	2.44	1703	8.31	14	6.83	146.5
Jason Martin, Louisiana Tech	SR	11	415	247	59.52	16	3.86	3360	8.10	32	7.71	145.3
Donovan McNabb, Syracuse	SO	11	215	118	54.88	9	4.19	1776	8.26	19	8.84	145.1
Jim Druckenmiller, Virginia Tech	SR	11	250	142	56.80	5	2.00	2071	8.28	17	6.80	144.8
Jake Plummer, Arizona St.	SR	11	313	179	57.19	9	2.88	2575	8.23	23	7.35	144.8
Koy Detmer, Colorado	SR	11	363	208	57.30	12	3.31	3156	8.69	22	6.06	143.7
Moses Moreno, Colorado St.	JR	12	335	193	57.61	12	3.58	2921	8.72	18	5.37	141.4
Ron Powlus, Notre Dame	SR	11	232	133	57.33	4	1.72	1942	8.37	12	5.17	141.3
Jim Arellanes, Fresno St.	SR	11	281	173	61.57	14	4.98	2487	8.85	13	4.63	141.2
Ryan Fien, Idaho	SR	11	455	267	58.68	12	2.64	3662	8.05	27	5.93	140.6
Chad Darnell, Central Mich.	SR	11	348	189	54.31	11	3.16	2921	8.39	22	6.32	139.4
Donald Sellers, New Mexico	SR	11	256	157	61.33	3	1.17	2048	8.00	10	3.91	139.1
Daunte Culpepper, Central Fla.	SO	11	314	187	59.55	15	4.78	2565	8.17	19	6.05	138.6
Herb Taylor, LSU	SO	11	187	109	58.29	8	4.28	1688	9.03	7	3.74	137.9
Jake Delhomme, North Caro.	JR	11	338	201	59.47	5	1.48	2347	6.94	23	6.80	137.3
James Brown, Texas	JR	12	299	170	56.86	12	4.01	2468	8.25	17	5.69	136.9

Total Offense

	CL	G	CAR	GAIN	LOSS	NET	ATT	YDS	PLAYS	YDS PL	TD	YDS PG
Josh Wallwork, Wyoming	SR	12	67	257	138	119	458	4090	525	4209	8.02	35 350.75
Ryan Fien, Idaho	SR	11	59	133	198	-65	455	3662	514	3597	7.00	29 327.00
Pat Barnes, California	SR	11	86	208	291	-83	420	3499	506	3416	6.75	32 310.55
Jon Denton, UNLV	FR	12	88	344	306	38	506	3591	594	3629	6.11	28 302.42
Jason Martin, Louisiana Tech	SR	11	25	58	97	-39	415	3360	440	3321	7.55	32 301.91
Danny Wuerffel, Florida	SR	12	63	126	226	-100	360	3625	423	3525	8.33	41 293.75
Billy Blanton, San Diego St.	SR	11	70	208	268	-60	344	3221	414	3161	7.64	30 287.36
Peyton Manning, Tennessee	JR	11	42	35	166	-131	380	3287	422	3156	7.48	23 286.91
Koy Detmer, Colorado	SR	11	36	108	114	-6	363	3156	399	3150	7.89	25 286.36
Steve Sarkisian, Brigham Young	SR	14	82	216	260	-44	404	4027	486	3983	8.20	34 284.50
Chad Darnell, Central Mich.	SR	11	61	261	127	134	348	2921	409	3055	7.47	24 277.73
Jake Delhomme, Southwestern La	SR	11	58	113	192	-79	377	2901	435	2822	6.49	20 256.55
Donald Sellers, New Mexico	SR	11	169	890	133	757	256	2048	425	2805	6.60	20 255.00
Matt Sauk, Utah St.	JR	10	36	151	109	42	286	2489	322	2531	7.86	10 253.10
Beau Morgan, Air Force	SR	11	225	1614	120	1494	180	1210	405	2704	6.68	26 245.82
John Dutton, Nevada	SO	11	27	37	93	-56	334	2750	361	2694	7.46	23 244.91
Ryan Leaf, Washington St.	SO	11	69	154	290	-136	373	2811	442	2675	6.05	27 243.18
Daunte Culpepper, Central Fla.	SO	11	94	375	273	102	314	2565	408	2667	6.54	21 242.45
Moses Moreno, Colorado St.	JR	12	70	165	183	-18	335	2921	405	2903	7.17	20 241.92
Jake Plummer, Arizona St.	SR	11	85	248	185	63	313	2575	398	2638	6.63	26 239.82
Tony Hilde, Boise St.	SR	12	128	671	290	381	338	2473	466	2854	6.12	25 237.83
Todd Goebel, Kent	SO	11	80	327	213	114	354	2419	434	2533	5.84	24 230.27
Dameyune Craig, Auburn	JR	11	123	486	279	207	310	2297	433	2504	5.78	24 227.64
Cade McNown, UCLA	SO	11	88	281	223	58	336	2424	424	2482	5.85	16 225.64
Cory Sauter, Minnesota	JR	11	71	112	225	-113	352	2578	423	2465	5.83	17 224.09

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	CLASS	G	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	YDS	YDSPG	PLAYS	YDS PL
Troy Davis, Iowa St.	JR	11	2185	61	0	118	2364	214.91	417	5.67
Byron Hanspard, Texas Tech	JR	11	2084	192	0	0	2276	206.91	356	6.39
Corey Dillon, Washington	JR	11	1555	273	0	357	2185	198.64	302	7.24
Kevin Faulk, LSU	SO	11	1282	134	375	313	2104	191.27	296	7.11
Silas Massey, Central Mich.	SO	10	1544	103	0	159	1806	180.60	337	5.36
June Henley, Kansas	SR	10	1349	215	0	209	1773	177.30	336	5.28
Scott Harley, East Carolina	SO	11	1745	199	0	0	1944	176.73	332	5.86
Tiki Barber, Virginia	SR	11	1360	258	241	0	1859	169.00	291	6.39
Leon Johnson, North Carolina	SR	11	913	381	191	347	1832	166.55	308	5.95
Ron Dayne, Wisconsin	FR	12	1863	133	0	0	1996	166.33	309	6.46
Reggie Allen, Central Mich.	SO	10	26	1229	0	399	1654	165.40	88	18.80
Duce Staley, South Caro.	SR	9	1116	253	0	115	1484	164.89	253	5.87
David Thompson, Oklahoma St.	SR	11	1524	225	0	0	1749	159.00	313	5.59
Darnell Autry, Northwestern	JR	10	1386	165	0	16	1567	156.70	288	5.44
Brian Roberson, Fresno St.	SR	11	-4	1248	330	125	1699	154.45	113	15.04
Calvin Branch, Colorado St.	SR	12	1279	128	0	431	1838	153.17	261	7.04
Marcus Harris, Wyoming	SR	12	0	1650	187	0	1837	153.08	129	14.24
Tremayne Banks, Miami (Ohio)	SR	11	116	617	395	518	1646	149.64	114	14.44
Autry Denson, Notre Dame	SO	11	1179	111	196	141	1627	147.91	238	6.84
Terry Battle, Arizona St.	JR	11	1043	45	0	528	1616	146.91	186	8.69
Chris Lemon, Nevada	FR	11	867	140	0	597	1604	145.82	198	8.10
Pepe Pearson, Ohio St.	JR	11	1373	214	0	0	1587	144.27	304	5.22
Derrick Mason, Michigan St.	SR	11	0	822	293	465	1580	143.64	104	15.19
Tony Knox, Western Mich.	SR	11	0	754	132	690	1576	143.27	117	13.47
Michael Perry, Rice	SO	11	657	9	300	596	1562	142.00	172	9.08

Receptions Per Game

	CLASS	G	CT	YDS	TD	CTPG
Damond Wilkins, Nevada	SR	11	114	1121	4	10.36
Marcus Harris, Wyoming	SR	12	109	1650	13	9.08
Geoffery Noisy, Nevada	SO	11	98	1435	9	8.91
Chad Mackey, Louisiana Tech	SR	11	85	1466	10	7.73
Nakia Jenkins, Utah St.	JR	11	82	1397	8	7.45
Brandon Stokley, SW Louisiana	SO	11	81	1160	7	7.36
Brian Roberson, Fresno St.	SR	11	78	1248	5	7.09
Will Blackwell, San Diego St.	JR	9	60	1000	11	6.67
Reggie Allen, Central Mich.	SO	10	66	1229	9	6.60
Kevin Lockett, Kansas St.	SR	11	72	882	6	6.55
Tony Knox, Western Mich.	SR	11	71	754	6	6.45
Eugene Baker, Kent	SO	11	69	1215	13	6.27
Ontario Pryor, Eastern Mich.	JR	10	62	1031	5	6.20
Joey Kent, Tennessee	SR	11	68	1080	7	6.18
Duane Gregory, New Mexico St.	JR	11	68	890	3	6.18
David Griffin, Idaho	SR	11	68	853	7	6.18
David Saunders, West Va.	SO	11	67	913	4	6.09

Interceptions

	CLASS	G	NO	YDS	TD	IPG
Dre' Bly, North Caro.	FR	11	11	141	1	1.00
Brian Lee, Wyoming	JR	12	8	68	0	0.67
Kim Herring, Penn St.	SR	12	7	64	0	0.58
Kevin Jackson, Alabama	SR	12	7	44	1	0.58
Chris McAlister, Arizona	JR	11	6	103	1	0.55
Damien Robinson, Iowa	SR	11	6	99	0	0.55
Delmonico Montgomery, Houston	SR	11	6	87	0	0.55
Harold Lusk, Utah	SR	11	6	86	0	0.55
Ramos McDonald, New Mexico	JR	11	6	78	1	0.55
Patrick Surtain, Southern Miss	JR	11	6	77	0	0.55
Sam Madison, Louisville	SR	11	6	50	1	0.55
Darnell Hasson, Nevada	SR	11	6	25	1	0.55
Marcus Campbell, Arkansas	JR	10	5	52	0	0.50

Scoring

	CLASS	G	TD	XP	FG	PTS	PTPG
Corey Dillon, Washington	JR	11	23	0	0	138	12.55
Troy Davis, Iowa St.	JR	11	21	0	0	126	11.45
Calvin Branch, Colorado St.	SR	12	22	0	0	132	11.00
Terry Battle, Arizona St.	JR	11	20	0	0	120	10.91
Skip Hicks, UCLA	JR	11	20	0	0	120	10.91
June Henley, Kansas	SR	10	18	0	0	108	10.80
Damon Shea, Nevada	SO	11	0	55	20	115	10.45
Beau Morgan, Air Force	SR	11	18	0	0	108	9.82
Sedrick Irvin, Michigan St.	FR	11	18	0	0	108	9.82
Silas Massey, Central Mich.	SO	10	16	2	0	98	9.80
Darnell Autry, Northwestern	JR	10	16	0	0	96	9.60
Pepe Pearson, Ohio St.	JR	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Chris McCoy, Navy	JR	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Reidel Anthony, Florida	JR	12	18	2	0	110	9.17
Scott Bentley, Florida St.	SR	11	0	52	16	100	9.09
Cory Wedel, Wyoming	JR	12	0	48	20	108	9.00
Phil Dawson, Texas	JR	12	0	51	19	108	9.00
D'andre Hardeman, Texas A&M	SO	12	18	0	0	108	9.00
Ron Dayne, Wisconsin	FR	12	18	0	0	108	9.00

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Punt Returns (Minimum 1.2 returns per game)

	CLASS	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Allen Rossum, Notre Dame	JR	15	344	3	22.93
Tim Dwight, Iowa	JR	22	417	2	18.95
James Dye, Brigham Young	SR	20	352	2	17.60
Kevin Faulk, LSU	SO	24	375	1	15.63
Keijuan Douglas, E. Mich.	FR	12	183	1	15.25
Leandrew Childs, San Diego St.	JR	22	332	0	15.09
Chad Smith, New Mexico	SO	14	200	1	14.29
Terry Fair, Tennessee	JR	29	400	2	13.79
Brian Roberson, Fresno St.	SR	24	330	1	13.75
Tremayne Banks, Miami (OH)	SR	29	395	0	13.62
Dante Hall, Texas A&M	FR	43	573	1	13.33
Courtney Davis, Bowling Green	SR	17	225	1	13.24
Charles West, Houston	SR	18	236	1	13.11
Jacquez Green, Florida	SO	25	324	2	12.96
Kendrick Lee, So. Miss.	SR	22	284	0	12.91
Mike Mitchell, Northeast La.	SO	19	244	0	12.84
Tiki Barber, Virginia	SR	19	241	1	12.68
Dean Jackson, Louisiana Tech	SR	14	176	1	12.57
Mike Logan, West Va.	SR	20	247	1	12.35

Punting (Minimum 3.6 punts per game)

	CLASS	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Bill Marinangel, Vanderbilt	SR	11	77	3586	46.57
Noel Prefontaine, San Diego St.	SR	11	48	2234	46.54
Andy Russ, Mississippi St.	SR	11	53	2466	46.53
Ty Atteberry, Baylor	SR	11	60	2781	46.35
Tucker Phillips, Rice	SR	11	53	2433	45.91
Brad Maynard, Ball St.	SR	11	59	2705	45.85
Jim Wren, Southern Cal	JR	12	66	3006	45.55
Marc Harris, Iowa St.	SR	11	51	2312	45.33
Ryan Longwell, California	SR	11	60	2714	45.23
John Krueger, Duke	SR	11	58	2619	45.16
Jesse Kosch, Nebraska	JR	12	44	1967	44.70
Jeff Roberts, Fresno St.	SO	11	40	1787	44.68
Will Brice, Virginia	SR	11	52	2323	44.67
Nick Gallery, Iowa	SR	11	44	1956	44.45
Toby Gowin, North Texas	SR	11	89	3946	44.34
James Garcia, Kansas St.	SO	11	51	2260	44.31
Charlie Pierce, Central Fla.	SR	11	49	2159	44.06
Jason Davis, Oklahoma St.	JR	11	59	2598	44.03

Field Goals

	CLASS	G	FGA	FG	PCT	FCPG
Rafael Garcia, Virginia	SR	11	27	21	.778	1.91
Marc Primanti, North Caro. St.	SR	11	20	20	1.000	1.82
Damon Shea, Nevada	SO	11	22	20	.909	1.82
James Anderson, Tulsa	JR	11	28	20	.714	1.82
Cory Wedel, Wyoming	JR	12	27	20	.741	1.67
J. Parker, Army	SR	11	21	18	.857	1.64
John Match, Boston College	FR	10	23	16	.696	1.60
Phil Dawson, Texas	JR	12	24	19	.792	1.58
Chris Gardner, Michigan St.	JR	11	22	17	.773	1.55
Kyle Bryant, Texas A&M	JR	12	23	18	.783	1.50
Brett Conway, Penn St.	SR	12	24	18	.750	1.50
Scott Bentley, Florida St.	SR	11	18	16	.889	1.45
Remy Hamilton, Michigan	SR	11	21	16	.762	1.45
Brian Gowins, Northwestern	JR	11	24	16	.667	1.45
Ethan Pochman, BYU	SR	14	27	20	.741	1.43
Peter Holt, San Diego St.	SR	11	19	15	.789	1.36
D Hernandez, So. Meth.	JR	11	21	15	.714	1.36

Kickoff Returns (Minimum 1.2 returns per game)

	CLASS	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Tremain Mack, Miami (FL)	JR	13	514	1	39.54
Terry Battle, Arizona St.	JR	17	528	2	31.06
Pat Johnson, Oregon	JR	12	368	1	30.67
Eric Booth, Southern Miss.	JR	12	352	0	29.33
Cedric Johnson, UTEP	SR	25	729	1	29.16
Rodnick Phillips, So. Meth.	FR	22	618	1	28.09
John Avery, Mississippi	JR	17	473	2	27.82
Tony Knox, Western Mich.	SR	25	690	1	27.60
Jim Turner, Syracuse	JR	23	633	1	27.52
Tremayne Banks, Miami (OH)	SR	19	518	1	27.26
Leandrew Childs, San Diego St.	JR	15	408	0	27.20
Damon Dunn, Stanford	JR	16	433	1	27.06
Jemal Singleton, Air Force	SO	15	397	0	26.47
Chris McAlister, Arizona	JR	20	526	1	26.30
Tom Pace, Idaho	FR	32	839	0	26.22
Jeff Liggon, Tulane	SR	27	707	1	26.19
Hank Poteat, Pittsburgh	FR	17	445	0	26.18
Curtis Anderson, Pittsburgh	SR	30	762	1	25.40

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Rushing Offense

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS PG
Army	11	740	3812	5.2	33	346.5
Air Force	11	618	3618	5.9	37	328.9
Rice	11	637	3360	5.3	34	305.5
Nebraska	12	691	3503	5.1	45	291.9
Navy	11	628	3120	5.0	31	283.6
Ohio	12	685	3286	4.8	29	273.8
Texas Tech	11	573	3008	5.2	27	273.5
Notre Dame	11	567	2965	5.2	34	269.5
Missouri	11	553	2758	5.0	24	250.7
Arizona State	11	538	2734	5.1	30	248.5
New Mexico	11	546	2692	4.9	28	244.7
Wisconsin	12	542	2893	5.3	30	241.1
Iowa State	11	524	2615	5.0	25	237.7
Ohio State	11	535	2606	4.9	27	236.9
Syracuse	11	531	2600	4.9	28	236.4
Oregon State	11	561	2539	4.5	19	230.8
Texas A&M	12	565	2764	4.9	30	230.3
UAB	11	518	2510	4.8	24	228.2
Virginia Tech	11	517	2504	4.8	27	227.6

Rushing Defense

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS PG
Florida State	11	418	649	1.6	5	59.0
West Virginia	11	364	677	1.9	5	61.5
North Carolina	11	334	813	2.4	5	73.9
Louisville	11	437	892	2.0	9	81.1
Nebraska	12	447	1006	2.3	7	83.8
Army	11	325	979	3.0	12	89.0
Alabama	12	392	1110	2.8	9	92.5
Southern Miss.	11	384	1069	2.8	12	97.2
Ohio State	11	398	1074	2.7	7	97.6
Arizona State	11	407	1078	2.6	10	98.0
Syracuse	11	398	1118	2.8	7	101.6
Arkansas	11	379	1131	3.0	12	102.8
Washington	11	389	1133	2.9	13	103.0
Texas A&M	12	461	1256	2.7	12	104.7
Tennessee	11	423	1168	2.8	4	106.2
Virginia	11	449	1188	2.6	10	108.0
Michigan	11	420	1193	2.8	9	108.5
Florida	12	463	1303	2.8	13	108.6

Total Offense

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD*	YDS PG
Nevada	11	915	5800	6.3	57	527.27
Florida	12	854	6047	7.1	67	503.92
Wyoming	12	905	5987	6.6	54	498.92
Arizona State	11	874	5417	6.2	54	492.45
Idaho	11	848	5294	6.2	48	481.27
Brigham Young	14	1004	6692	6.7	67	478.00
Central Michigan	11	871	5252	6.0	45	477.45
San Diego State	11	803	5241	6.5	51	476.45
Utah State	11	835	5110	6.1	43	464.55
Notre Dame	11	817	5096	6.2	49	463.27
Texas	12	858	5525	6.4	52	460.42
Colorado State	12	838	5507	6.6	50	458.92
California	11	864	5034	5.8	43	457.64
Louisiana Tech	11	806	5015	6.2	42	455.91
Colorado	11	799	4973	6.2	39	452.09
Ohio State	11	822	4962	6.0	52	451.09
Army	11	844	4954	5.9	41	450.36

Total Defense

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD*	YDS PG
West Virginia	11	712	2392	3.4	15	217.5
North Carolina	11	660	2482	3.8	12	225.6
Florida State	11	776	2524	3.3	14	229.5
Louisville	11	765	2594	3.4	20	235.8
Tennessee	11	708	2602	3.7	16	236.5
Ohio State	11	707	2676	3.8	12	243.3
Nebraska	12	776	3065	3.9	15	255.4
Alabama	12	711	3067	4.3	20	255.6
Army	11	626	2819	4.5	23	256.3
Syracuse	11	725	2875	4.0	17	261.4
Notre Dame	11	714	2970	4.2	23	270.0
Miami (FL)	11	705	3046	4.3	22	276.9
Cincinnati	11	759	3061	4.0	25	278.3
Florida	12	818	3373	4.1	24	281.5
Virginia	11	790	3251	4.1	20	295.5
Kansas State	11	792	3279	4.1	19	298.1
Ohio	12	852	3590	4.2	30	299.2

* Touchdowns scored rushing or passing only.

Turnover Margin

	FUM	INT	GAINED	FUM	INT	LOST	MARGIN
North Carolina	14	20	34	6	6	12	2.00
Auburn	14	22	36	9	13	22	1.27
Southern Miss.	16	18	34	5	15	20	1.27
West Virginia	8	16	24	4	6	10	1.27
East Carolina	23	13	36	6	16	22	1.27
Ohio State	10	20	30	7	9	16	1.27
Arizona	13	16	29	9	7	16	1.18
Navy	15	13	28	10	6	16	1.09
Kansas	11	12	23	4	8	12	1.00
Bowling Green	13	13	26	1	14	15	1.00
Arizona State	15	11	26	5	10	15	1.00
Nebraska	10	23	33	19	3	22	.92
Texas Tech	15	14	29	13	6	19	.91
Miami (OH)	12	11	23	8	5	13	.91
New Mexico	10	12	22	5	7	12	.91
Penn State	13	17	30	10	10	20	.83
Kentucky	17	12	29	13	7	20	.82
Maryland	13	15	28	7	12	19	.82

Passing Offense

	G	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS PG
Wyoming	12	486	299	17	61.5	4310	8.9	35	359.2
Nevada	11	480	307	11	64.0	3907	8.1	34	355.2
Louisiana Tech	11	475	279	17	58.7	3778	8.0	35	343.5
Idaho	11	460	270	12	58.7	3772	8.2	29	342.9
Florida	12	412	234	16	56.8	4007	9.7	42	333.9
California	11	427	253	8	59.3	3536	8.3	32	321.5
Utah State	11	422	233	23	55.2	3493	8.3	15	317.5
Tennessee	11	399	255	12	63.9	3396	8.5	20	308.7
UNLV	12	530	287	17	54.2	3685	7.0	26	307.1
Colorado	11	390	221	14	56.7	3338	8.6	22	303.5
San Diego State	11	360	235	5	65.3	3336	9.3	29	303.3
Oregon	11	432	226	9	52.3	3321	7.7	21	301.9
Brigham Young	14	423	291	13	68.8	4143	9.8	36	295.9
SW Louisiana	11	392	208	17	53.1	3076	7.8	22	279.6
Central Michigan	11	369	198	12	53.7	3041	8.2	23	276.5
Central Florida	11	394	230	20	58.4	3022	7.7	21	274.7
Washington State	11	396	203	13	51.3	2931	7.4	22	266.5
Miami (FL)	11	371	221	10	59.6	2902	7.8	22	263.8

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Passing Efficiency (Minimum of 15 attempts per game)

	CLASS	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	INT PCT	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	PCT	RATING
Ted White, Howard	SO	11	289	174	60.21	10	3.46	2814	9.74	36	12.46	176.2
Steven Beard, Northern Iowa	SR	11	238	140	58.82	9	3.78	2526	10.61	21	8.82	169.5
Sean Laird, St. Mary's (CA)	JR	10	256	161	62.89	4	1.56	2199	8.59	22	8.59	160.3
Brantiff Bonaventure, Furman	SR	11	234	152	64.96	2	0.85	2012	8.60	16	6.84	158.0
Eric Kresser, Marshall	SR	10	276	170	61.59	7	2.54	2341	8.48	24	8.70	156.5
Brian Ah Yat, Montana	SO	11	432	265	61.34	16	3.70	3615	8.37	42	9.72	156.3
Eric Goebel, Evansville	SR	8	192	102	53.13	2	1.04	1641	8.55	19	9.90	155.5
Mike Simpson, Eastern Illinois	JR	11	247	163	65.99	7	2.83	1987	8.04	19	7.69	153.3
Kevin Johns, Dayton	JR	11	218	114	52.29	10	4.59	1980	9.08	21	9.63	151.2
Aaron Flowers, Cal State Northridge	JR	11	415	247	59.52	11	2.65	3540	8.53	30	7.23	149.7
Oteman Sampson, Florida A&M	JR	11	307	172	56.03	16	5.21	2814	9.17	21	6.84	145.2
Mike Cook, William & Mary	SO	11	294	165	56.12	10	3.40	2515	8.55	19	6.46	142.5
Shane Stafford, Connecticut	JR	10	270	144	53.33	6	2.22	2329	8.63	17	6.30	142.1
Mark Levine, St. John's	SR	10	244	135	55.33	9	3.69	1911	7.83	20	8.20	140.8
Jon Aljancic, Dartmouth	SR	10	230	139	60.43	5	2.17	1856	8.07	10	4.35	138.2
Dave Loya, Duquesne	JR	10	224	111	49.55	12	5.36	1932	8.63	18	8.04	137.8
Travis Brown, Northern Arizona	FR	11	411	223	54.26	9	2.19	3398	8.27	23	5.60	137.8
Doug Turner, Morehead State	SO	10	162	95	58.64	10	6.17	1334	8.23	10	6.17	135.8
Clint Park, Villanova	JR	11	336	192	57.14	15	4.46	2526	7.52	24	7.14	134.9
Chris Bresnahan, New Hampshire	SR	11	309	191	61.81	10	3.24	2249	7.28	17	5.50	134.6
Greg Couch, Eastern Kentucky	SR	11	224	124	55.36	8	3.57	1824	8.14	12	5.36	134.3
Greg Ryan, East Tenn. State	SR	11	295	188	63.73	10	3.39	2045	6.93	17	5.76	134.2
Mike Cherry, Murray State	SR	11	301	170	56.48	14	4.65	2406	7.99	18	5.98	134.1
Roger Cook, Weber State	SR	11	442	276	62.44	12	2.71	3207	7.26	20	4.52	132.9
Grailyn Pratt, Jackson State	JR	11	360	201	55.83	10	2.78	2597	7.21	23	6.39	132.0

Total Offense

	CL	RUSHING				PASSING		TOTAL OFFENSE			
		G	CAR	GAIN	LOSS	NET	ATT	YDS	PLAYS	YDS	YDS PL TDR* YDS PG
Brian Ah Yat, Montana	SO	11	69	276	147	129	432	3615	501	3744	7.47 45 340.36
Aaron Flowers, Cal State Northridge	JR	11	73	227	145	82	415	3540	488	3622	7.42 34 329.27
Travis Brown, Northern Arizona	FR	11	44	74	136	-62	411	3398	455	3336	7.33 26 303.27
Roger Cook, Weber State	SR	11	54	103	183	-80	442	3207	496	3127	6.30 22 284.27
Oteman Sampson, Florida A&M	JR	11	107	505	193	312	307	2814	414	3126	7.55 30 284.18
Ted White, Howard	SO	11	52	330	105	225	289	2814	341	3039	8.91 38 276.27
Jason McCullough, Brown	SR	10	85	343	248	95	393	2609	478	2704	5.66 26 270.40
Grailyn Pratt, Jackson State	JR	11	113	509	141	368	360	2597	473	2965	6.27 32 269.55
Kevin Smith, Towson State	SO	9	45	125	124	1	306	2299	351	2300	6.55 12 255.56
Mike Cook, William & Mary	SO	11	78	236	202	34	294	2515	372	2549	6.85 23 231.73
Shane Stafford, Connecticut	JR	10	48	121	142	-21	270	2329	318	2308	7.26 17 230.80
Sean Laird, St. Mary's (CA)	JR	10	109	414	311	103	256	2199	365	2302	6.31 27 230.20
Tim Leger, McNeese State	SO	11	119	384	209	175	288	2354	407	2529	6.21 18 229.91
Steven Beard, Northern Iowa	SR	11	37	74	88	-14	238	2526	275	2512	9.13 23 228.36
Clint Park, Villanova	JR	11	105	241	262	-21	336	2526	441	2505	5.68 27 227.73
T Corbin, Cal State Sacramento	JR	10	23	29	103	-74	333	2334	356	2260	6.35 17 226.00
Eric Kresser, Marshall	SR	10	27	16	118	-102	276	2341	303	2239	7.39 24 223.90
Jon Aljancic, Dartmouth	SR	10	125	511	144	367	230	1856	355	2223	6.26 20 222.30
Cecor Douglas, Texas Southern	SR	11	125	692	230	462	263	1949	388	2411	6.21 16 219.18
James Lopuznick, Fairfield	FR	9	102	350	164	186	338	1785	440	1971	4.48 12 219.00
Nick Boush, Valparaiso	SR	10	119	653	163	490	251	1653	370	2143	5.79 20 214.30
K Poindexter, Mississippi Valley	SR	11	161	601	340	261	322	2052	483	2313	4.79 13 210.27
Mike Cherry, Murray State	SR	11	47	80	177	-97	301	2406	348	2309	6.64 19 209.91
Kevin Johns, Dayton	JR	11	70	387	91	296	218	1980	288	2276	7.90 25 206.91
Jeremy Hoog, SW Mo. State	JR	11	98	274	220	54	318	2196	416	2250	5.41 14 204.55

*Touchdowns responsible for TDs scored and passed for

All Purpose Running

	CLASS	G	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	YDS	YDSPG	PLAYS	YDS PL
Reggie Greene, Siena	JR	9	1719	50	0	337	2106	234.00	306	6.88
Archie Amerson, Northern Arizona	SR	11	2079	262	0	88	2429	220.82	365	6.65
Kenny Bynum, South Caro. State	SR	10	1649	118	1	255	2023	202.30	262	7.72
Sean Bennett, Evansville	SO	10	1189	740	0	27	1956	195.60	275	7.11
Rick Sarille, Wagner	SO	10	1475	36	0	427	1938	193.80	301	6.44
Jerry Azumah, New Hampshire	SO	11	1308	521	0	280	2109	191.73	302	6.98
Thomas Haskins, Va. Military	SR	11	1704	66	216	112	2098	190.73	329	6.38
Michael Casey, Southwest Mo. State	SR	11	1453	555	0	0	2008	182.55	339	5.92
Antwan Wyatt, Bethune-Cookman	SR	9	36	985	149	444	1614	179.33	113	14.28
Joe Douglass, Montana	SR	11	0	1469	439	0	1908	173.45	119	16.03
Claude Mathis, Southwest Tx. State	JR	11	1593	80	60	118	1851	168.27	316	5.86
Chad Levitt, Cornell	SR	9	1435	61	0	0	1496	166.22	275	5.44
Dee Mostiller, Middle Tenn. State	SR	11	6	868	196	744	1814	164.91	98	18.51
Joe Rosato, Duquesne	JR	10	5	663	547	416	1631	163.10	92	17.73
William Murrell, Eastern Kentucky	SR	11	1115	12	288	363	1778	161.64	242	7.35
Marquis Jessie, Brown	SR	10	910	312	191	196	1609	160.90	279	5.77
Stan House, Central Conn. State	JR	10	1015	265	45	255	1580	158.00	255	6.20
Damon Scott, Appalachian State	SR	11	1466	265	0	0	1731	157.36	319	5.43
Coe Bonner, Southern Illinois	SR	11	1234	189	0	284	1707	155.18	259	6.59
Ray Fouchea, Illinois State	SO	9	112	438	-14	845	1381	153.44	99	13.95
Brook Madsen, Southern Utah	SO	11	1405	39	0	201	1645	149.55	245	6.71
Tracy Biggs, Western Carolina	FR	9	639	89	0	596	1324	147.11	173	7.65
Joey Stockton, Western Kentucky	JR	11	13	472	300	778	1563	142.09	83	18.83
Randy Moss, Marshall	FR	11	-3	1073	0	484	1554	141.27	70	22.20
Vince Twedell, Evansville	SO	10	32	964	0	415	1411	141.10	77	18.32

Receptions Per Game

	CLASS	G	CT	YDS	TD	CTPG
David Romines, CS Northridge	SR	10	87	1300	12	8.70
Antwan Wyatt, Bethune-Cookman	SR	9	70	985	4	7.78
Thomas Lopuznick, Fairfield	FR	9	69	857	6	7.67
Joe Douglass, Montana	SR	11	82	1469	18	7.45
Brian Finneran, Villanova	JR	11	81	1207	8	7.36
Rameek Wright, Maine	JR	11	79	1143	5	7.18
Robert Wilson, Florida A&M	SR	11	78	1161	10	7.09
Juan Hall, Tennessee St.	JR	11	72	1021	5	6.55
Michael Tolbert, Valparaiso	SR	10	64	919	4	6.40
Blake Tuffli, St. Mary's (CA)	SR	10	61	953	12	6.10
Reginald Swinton, Murray St.	JR	11	66	1022	8	6.00
Sean Morey, Brown	SO	10	60	939	7	6.00
Deron Braswell, Lehigh	SO	11	65	1135	9	5.91
James Adderley, Beth. Cookman	SO	11	65	861	6	5.91
Jay Jones, James Madison	SR	11	63	751	5	5.73
Steve Busch, Cornell	SR	10	57	720	4	5.70
Ray Fouchea, Illinois St.	SO	9	51	438	1	5.67

Interceptions

	CLASS	G	NO	YDS	TD	IPG
Shane Hurd, Canisius	JR	7	7	198	2	1.00
Darren Sharper, William & Mary	SR	11	10	228	1	.91
Scott Shields, Weber State	SO	11	10	101	0	.91
Robert Taylor, Tennessee Tech	SR	11	9	24	0	.82
Lloyd Lee, Dartmouth	JR	10	7	116	1	.70
Sean Woodson, Jackson State	SR	10	7	79	0	.70
Tyree Talton, Northern Iowa	SO	11	7	169	1	.64
Dorrell Green, Delaware	JR	11	7	159	1	.64
Jeff Morris, Samford	SR	11	7	75	0	.64
Trevor Bell, Idaho State	JR	11	7	55	0	.64
Mario Wilson, Cal St.	JR	10	6	102	1	.60
C Johnson, Cal St. Sacramento	SO	10	6	98	0	.60
Michele Bellanca, Columbia	JR	10	6	55	0	.60
Bryan Cornell, Duquesne	JR	10	6	26	1	.60

Scoring

	CLASS	G	TD	XP	FG	PTS	PT PG
Archie Amerson, No. Arizona	SR	11	26	0	0	156	14.18
Stan House, Central Conn. State	JR	10	20	0	0	120	12.00
Sean Bennett, Evansville	SO	10	19	4	0	118	11.80
Jerry Azumah, New Hampshire	SO	11	21	0	0	126	11.45
Joe Douglass, Montana	SR	11	19	2	0	116	10.55
Randy Moss, Marshall	FR	11	19	0	0	114	10.36
Rob Hart, Murray State	JR	11	0	46	22	112	10.18
Chad Levitt, Cornell	SR	9	14	2	0	86	9.56
Damon Scott, Appalachian State	SR	11	17	2	0	104	9.45
Wayne Boyer, SW Mo. State	SR	11	0	28	25	103	9.36
Claude Mathis, SW Tx State	JR	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Brook Madsen, Southern Utah	SO	11	16	2	0	98	8.91
Dedric Ward, Northern Iowa	SR	11	16	0	0	96	8.73
Antoine Flowers, Florida A&M	FR	11	16	0	0	96	8.73
Jason Grove, Drake	SO	9	13	0	0	78	8.67
Brian Knuckles, W. Illinois	SR	10	14	0	0	84	8.40
Kenny Bynum, So. Caro. State	SR	10	14	0	0	84	8.40
Thomas Haskins, Va. Military	SR	11	15	2	0	92	8.36
Tim Openlander, Marshall	SR	11	0	58	11	91	8.27

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I-AA INDIVIDUAL

Punt Returns (Minimum 1.2 returns per game)

	CLASS	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Ricky Pearsall, No. Arizona	JR	29	490	2	16.90
Kenyatte Morgan, Montana St.	JR	15	243	2	16.20
Undre Williams, Florida A&M	JR	16	258	0	16.13
Goree White, Alcorn State	SR	18	281	0	15.61
Calvin Jones, New Hampshire	SR	22	319	1	14.50
Joe Rosato, Duquesne	JR	38	547	2	14.39
Aki Wilson, Howard	SO	19	269	1	14.16
Pat Hugar, Dayton	SR	15	202	0	13.47
Corey Harris, Citadel	SO	14	178	1	12.71
Freddie Mango, Grambling	JR	14	176	0	12.57
Brad Friedman, Towson State	SR	36	450	1	12.50
Kwanza Golden, Mississippi Val	SO	17	212	0	12.47
Antwuan Wyatt, Bethune-Cookman	SR	12	149	1	12.42
C. Jefferson, Stephen F. Austin	SR	15	186	1	12.40
Justin Drew, Canisius	SR	22	272	1	12.36
Larry Scallio, Indiana State	SR	42	517	2	12.31
Ricky Ellis, St. Mary's (CA)	SR	15	183	0	12.20
Joe Douglass, Montana	SR	37	439	1	11.86
Jelani Polite, St. Peter's	FR	10	118	0	11.80

Punting (Minimum 3.6 punts per game)

	CLASS	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Mark Gagliano, So. Illinois	SR	11	54	2432	45.04
Monty Key, No. Carolina A&T	SR	10	46	1997	43.41
Ben Talbott, Lehigh	SR	11	56	2431	43.41
Brad Costello, Boston University	JR	11	76	3234	42.55
Matt Bushart, So. University	FR	11	70	2944	42.06
Ryan Klaus, Sam Houston St.	SO	11	62	2602	41.97
Wayne Boyer, SW Mo. State	SR	11	65	2724	41.91
Cedric Dunbar, Jackson State	SR	11	42	1760	41.90
Nelson Garner, James Madison	JR	11	60	2511	41.85
Shawn Wood, Butler	SO	10	52	2165	41.63
Todd Kurz, Illinois State	SR	11	64	2624	41.00
Jay Henderson, Tennessee Tech	SR	11	67	2742	40.93
Allen Guinn, Appalachian State	SR	11	66	2701	40.92
Rich Miller, Bucknell	SR	10	62	2536	40.90
Matt Evans, Princeton	SO	11	82	3353	40.89
Barry Cantrell, Fordham	JR	10	61	2490	40.82
Shane Seamans, J.ville State	SO	10	62	2521	40.66
Scott Shields, Weber State	SO	11	48	1940	40.42
Joe LaFrenza, Cal St. Northridge	SR	11	58	2343	40.40

Field Goals

	CLASS	G	FGA	FG	PCT	FGPG
Wayne Boyer, SW Mo. State	SR	11	30	25	.833	2.27
Rob Hart, Murray State	JR	11	27	22	.815	2.00
Scott Shields, Weber State	SO	11	24	18	.750	1.64
Matt Huerkamp, Troy State	SR	11	22	16	.727	1.45
Dave Regula, Dartmouth	JR	10	20	14	.700	1.40
James Ferrell, Idaho State	JR	11	19	15	.789	1.36
Keith Jones, Western Illinois	JR	11	20	15	.750	1.36
Adam Diel, Nicholls State	SR	11	23	15	.652	1.36
Matt Linit, Columbia	SO	10	22	13	.591	1.30
Matt Waller, Northern Iowa	SR	11	18	14	.778	1.27
Justin Skinner, Citadel	JR	11	22	14	.636	1.27
Brian Menecola, Lafayette	SO	10	18	12	.667	1.20
Jay Sutton, Appalachian State	SR	11	15	13	.867	1.18
Marcus Hajdik, Sam Houston St.	SR	11	18	13	.722	1.18
Andrew Slater, Richmond	FR	11	18	13	.722	1.18
Keegan Ray, Mid. Tennessee St.	FR	11	19	13	.684	1.18
Carlos Leach, Southern B.R.	SR	11	19	13	.684	1.18

Kickoff Returns (Minimum 1.2 returns per game)

	CLASS	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Randy Moss, Marshall	FR	14	484	0	34.57
Tyree Taltan, Northern Iowa	SO	22	703	2	31.95
Ed Williams, St. Mary's (CA)	JR	16	482	0	30.13
William Holder, Monmouth (NJ)	JR	16	479	1	29.94
Joe Rosato, Duquesne	JR	14	416	1	29.71
Robert Stockton, W. Kentucky	JR	27	778	2	28.81
Paul Deckaj, Marist	JR	15	428	2	28.53
Jeb Dougherty, San Diego	SR	17	476	1	28.00
Pat Hugar, Dayton	SR	16	437	0	27.31
Josh Cole, Furman	SR	22	586	0	26.64
Dee Mostiller, Mid Tenn. St.	SR	28	744	0	26.57
Brian Gales, Montana	SO	18	477	0	26.50
Ray Fouchea, Illinois State	SO	32	845	1	26.41
Joey Mouton, Sam Houston St.	SR	13	338	0	26.00
Kevin Francis, Monmouth (N.J.)	SR	12	308	1	25.67
Jay Jones, James Madison	SR	29	737	1	25.41
Chris Watson, Eastern Illinois	SO	26	660	0	25.38

DIVISION I-AA TEAM LEADERS

Rushing Offense

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS PG
Southern Utah	11	672	3639	5.4	36	330.8
Wofford	11	665	3170	4.8	31	288.2
West. Kentucky	11	632	3136	5.0	29	285.1
Georgia Southern	11	599	2931	4.9	31	266.5
So. Carolina State	10	484	2618	5.4	24	261.8
Troy State	11	568	2867	5.0	37	260.6
No. Carolina A&T	11	605	2865	4.7	31	260.5
Dayton	11	557	2855	5.1	27	259.5
Citadel	11	574	2775	4.8	17	252.3
Drake	11	595	2748	4.6	31	249.8
Eastern Illinois	11	589	2739	4.7	30	249.0
Northwest. State	11	512	2690	5.3	21	244.5
Morehead State	10	487	2371	4.9	27	237.1
Delaware State	11	553	2574	4.7	19	234.0
Duquesne	10	472	2315	4.9	27	231.5
Colgate	11	564	2531	4.5	24	230.1
VMI	11	546	2471	4.5	19	224.6
Georgetown	10	484	2229	4.6	22	222.9
Marshall	11	418	2342	5.6	26	212.9

Rushing Defense

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS PG
Georgetown	10	341	532	1.6	7	53.2
William & Mary	11	424	916	2.2	10	83.3
Harvard	10	368	910	2.5	5	91.0
SW Missouri St.	11	434	1010	2.3	12	91.8
Hofstra	11	452	1034	2.3	5	94.0
Northeastern	11	383	1046	2.7	12	95.1
Eastern Illinois	11	331	1050	3.2	12	95.7
Dartmouth	10	311	963	3.1	5	96.0
Jackson State	11	397	1127	2.8	8	102.5
Montana	11	412	1145	2.8	9	104.1
Drake	11	404	1151	2.8	6	104.6
Cal St. Northridge	11	403	1175	2.9	13	106.8
Duquesne	10	362	1076	3.0	8	107.6
Pennsylvania	10	408	1102	2.7	11	110.2
E. Washington	11	368	1225	3.3	7	111.4
Idaho State	11	418	1240	3.0	21	112.7
E. Tennessee St.	11	399	1262	3.2	12	115.3
Columbia	10	387	1154	3.0	9	115.4
Mid. Tennessee St.	11	416	1283	3.1	9	116.6

Total Offense

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD*	YDS PG
No. Arizona	11	873	5751	6.6	57	522.82
Montana	11	808	5332	6.6	58	484.73
Marshall	11	743	5105	6.9	56	464.09
Cal St. Northridge	11	813	5062	6.2	51	460.18
Howard	11	719	5050	7.0	51	459.09
Dayton	11	780	4887	6.3	48	444.27
Cal Poly SLO	11	828	4872	5.9	38	442.91
Jackson State	11	854	4835	5.7	47	439.55
Murray State	11	796	4817	6.1	45	437.91
Florida A&M	11	736	4677	6.5	43	433.36
Duquesne	10	704	4326	6.1	45	432.60
Eastern Illinois	11	843	4747	5.6	49	431.55
Northern Iowa	11	720	4582	6.4	41	416.55
Towson State	10	741	4128	5.6	29	412.80
Georgetown	10	760	4111	5.4	36	411.10
Idaho State	11	827	4496	5.4	39	408.73
Colgate	11	829	4473	5.4	38	406.64

Total Defense

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD*	YDS PG
Georgetown	10	603	2182	3.6	19	218.2
William & Mary	11	728	2550	3.5	20	231.8
Duquesne	10	646	2444	3.8	10	244.4
Youngstown St.	11	712	2785	3.9	14	253.2
Hofstra	11	742	2847	3.8	14	258.8
Robert Morris	10	674	2590	3.8	16	259.0
Murray State	11	727	2850	3.9	22	259.1
Howard	11	724	2909	4.0	16	264.5
Jackson State	11	729	2913	4.0	16	264.8
Northeastern	11	672	2932	4.4	23	266.5
Eastern Illinois	11	618	2948	4.8	26	268.0
Richmond	11	712	2959	4.2	22	269.0
Grambling	11	719	2974	4.1	25	270.4
Texas Southern	11	732	2976	4.1	20	270.5
Columbia	10	713	2708	3.8	16	270.8
SW Missouri St.	11	723	3009	4.2	20	273.5
Canisius	9	647	2464	3.8	13	273.8

* Touchdowns scored rushing or passing only.

Turnover Margin

	FUM	INT	GAINED	FUM	INT	LOST	MARGIN
Canisius	17	27	44	13	9	22	2.44
Northern Iowa	17	23	40	9	9	18	2.00
Troy State	18	17	35	14	2	16	1.73
St. Mary's (CA)	18	12	30	9	4	13	1.70
Mississippi Valley	20	15	35	6	11	17	1.64
Samford	22	13	35	4	14	18	1.55
Jackson State	16	22	38	11	10	21	1.55
Robert Morris	20	15	35	9	11	20	1.50
Monmouth (NJ)	15	12	27	8	5	13	1.40
Buffalo	23	11	34	8	11	19	1.36
Columbia	14	21	35	7	16	23	1.20
Villanova	19	18	37	8	16	24	1.18
St. John's (NY)	18	12	30	10	9	19	1.10
Dartmouth	9	16	25	8	6	14	1.10
Dayton	14	19	33	12	10	22	1.00
Eastern Illinois	14	12	26	7	8	15	1.00
New Hampshire	16	14	30	10	10	20	0.91
Pennsylvania	14	19	33	11	13	24	0.90

Passing Offense

	G	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS PG
Montana	11	450	277	16	61.6	3736	8.3	43	339.6
Cal St. Northridge	11	437	258	12	59.0	3669	8.4	31	333.5
Northern Arizona	11	417	225	9	54.0	3424	8.2	23	311.3
Weber State	11	454	278	13	61.2	3238	7.1	20	294.4
Cal St. Sacramento	11	479	234	20	48.9	3108	6.5	23	282.5
Florida A&M	11	336	186	18	55.4	2987	8.9	23	271.5
Howard	11	301	179	10	59.5	2905	9.7	37	264.1
Lehigh	11	429	230	20	53.6	2893	6.7	19	263.0
Jackson State	11	400	223	10	55.8	2892	7.2	24	262.9
Brown	10	397	205	10	51.6	2628	6.6	24	262.8
Villanova	11	403	224	16	55.6	2882	7.2	26	262.0
Cal Poly SLO	11	404	206	19	51.0	2787	6.9	12	253.4
Marshall	11	325	202	9	62.2	2763	8.5	30	251.2
Tennessee State	11	407	202	14	69.6	2761	6.8	21	251.0
Towson State	10	336	177	16	52.7	2498	7.4	12	249.8
Holy Cross	11	456	245	17	53.7	2720	6.0	17	247.3
Northern Iowa	11	252	147	9	58.3	2700	10.7	22	245.5
St. Mary's (CA)	10	277	176	4	63.5	2453	8.9	26	245.3
Evansville	10	281	150	6	53.4	2371	8.4	26	237.1

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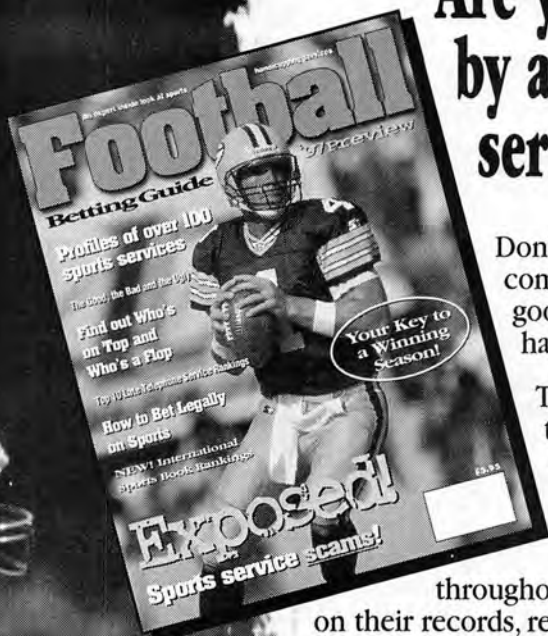
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Division I-A

	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT

Atlantic Coast

Florida State	8	0	1.000	11	1	.917
North Carolina	6	2	.750	10	2	.833
Clemson	6	2	.750	7	5	.583
Virginia	5	3	.625	7	5	.583
Georgia Tech	4	4	.500	5	6	.455
Maryland	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
North Carolina St.	3	5	.375	3	8	.273
Wake Forest	1	7	.125	3	8	.273
Duke	0	8	.000	0	11	.000

Big East

Virginia Tech	6	1	.857	10	2	.833
Miami	6	1	.857	9	3	.750
Syracuse	6	1	.857	9	3	.750
West Virginia	4	3	.571	8	4	.667
Pittsburgh	3	4	.429	4	7	.364
Boston College	2	5	.286	5	7	.417
Rutgers	1	6	.143	2	9	.182
Temple	0	7	.000	1	10	.091

Big Ten

Ohio State	7	1	.875	11	1	.917
Northwestern	7	1	.875	9	3	.750
Penn State	6	2	.750	11	2	.846
Iowa	6	2	.750	8	3	.727
Michigan	5	3	.625	8	4	.667
Michigan State	5	3	.625	6	6	.500
Wisconsin	3	5	.375	8	5	.615
Purdue	2	6	.250	3	8	.273
Minnesota	1	7	.125	4	7	.364
Indiana	1	7	.125	3	8	.273
Illinois	1	7	.125	2	9	.182

Big 12

NORTH DIVISION						
Nebraska	8	0	1.000	11	2	.846
Colorado	7	1	.875	10	2	.833
Kansas State	6	2	.750	9	3	.750
Missouri	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Kansas	2	6	.250	4	7	.364
Iowa State	1	7	.125	2	9	.182
SOUTH DIVISION						
Texas	6	2	.750	8	5	.615
Texas Tech	5	3	.625	7	5	.583
Texas A&M	4	4	.500	6	6	.500
Oklahoma	3	5	.375	3	8	.273
Oklahoma State	2	6	.250	5	6	.455
Baylor	1	7	.125	4	7	.364

Big West

Nevada	4	1	.800	9	3	.750
Utah State	4	1	.800	6	5	.545
Idaho	3	2	.600	6	5	.545
North Texas	3	2	.600	5	6	.455
Boise State	1	4	.200	2	10	.167
New Mexico State	0	5	.000	1	10	.091

Conference USA

Southern Mississippi	4	1	.800	8	3	.727
Houston	4	1	.800	7	5	.583
Cincinnati	2	3	.400	6	5	.545
Louisville	2	3	.400	5	6	.455
Memphis	2	3	.400	4	7	.364
Tulane	1	4	.200	2	9	.182

Mid-American

Ball State	7	1	.875	8	4	.667
Toledo	6	2	.750	7	4	.636
Miami (OH)	6	2	.750	6	5	.545
Ohio	5	3	.625	6	6	.500
Central Michigan	4	4	.500	5	6	.455
Akron	3	5	.375	4	7	.364
Bowling Green	3	5	.375	4	7	.364
Eastern Michigan	3	5	.375	3	8	.273
Western Michigan	2	6	.250	2	9	.182
Kent	1	7	.125	2	9	.182

Pac-10

Arizona State	8	0	1.000	11	1	.917
Washington	7	1	.875	9	3	.750
Stanford	5	3	.625	7	5	.583
UCLA	4	4	.500	5	6	.455
California	3	5	.375	6	6	.500
Oregon	3	5	.375	6	5	.545
Southern Cal	3	5	.375	6	6	.500
Arizona	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Washington State	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Oregon State	1	7	.125	2	9	.182

Southeastern

EAST DIVISION						
Florida	8	0	1.000	12	1	.923
Tennessee	7	1	.875	10	2	.833
South Carolina	4	4	.500	6	5	.545
Georgia	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Kentucky	3	5	.375	4	7	.364
Vanderbilt	0	8	.000	2	9	.182
WEST DIVISION						
Alabama	6	2	.750	10	3	.769
LSU	6	2	.750	10	2	.833
Auburn	4	4	.500	8	4	.667
Mississippi State	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Mississippi	2	6	.250	5	6	.455
Arkansas	2	6	.250	4	7	.364

Western Athletic

MOUNTAIN DIVISION						
Brigham Young	8	0	1.000	14	1	.933
Utah	6	2	.750	8	4	.667
Rice	6	2	.750	7	4	.636
Southern Methodist	4	4	.500	5	6	.455
New Mexico	3	5	.375	6	5	.545
Texas Christian	3	5	.375	4	7	.364
Tulsa	2	6	.250	4	7	.364
UTEP	0	8	.000	2	9	.182
PACIFIC DIVISION						
Wyoming	7	1	.875	10	2	.833
San Diego State	6	2	.750	8	3	.727
Colorado State	6	2	.750	7	5	.583
Air Force	5	3	.625	6	5	.545
Fresno State	3	5	.375	4	7	.364
San Jose State	3	5	.375	3	9	.250
Hawaii	1	7	.125	2	10	.167
UNLV	1	7	.125	1	11	.083

Independents

Army	10	2	.833
East Carolina	8	3	.727
Navy	9	3	.750
Notre Dame	8	3	.727
Louisiana Tech	6	5	.545
Alabama Birmingham	5	6	.455
Central Florida	5	6	.455
Northeast Louisiana	5	6	.455
Southern Louisiana	5	6	.455
Arkansas State	4	7	.364
Northern Illinois	1	10	.091

Division I-AA

	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT

Big Sky

Montana	7	0	1.000	14	1	.933
Northern Arizona	6	1	.857	9	3	.750
Cal State Northridge	4	3	.571	7	4	.636
Weber State	4	3	.571	7	4	.636
Eastern Washington	3	4	.429	6	5	.545
Montana State	3	4	.429	6	5	.545
Idaho State	1	6	.143	4	7	.364
Cal State Sacramento	0	7	.000	1	10	.091
Portland State	-	-	-	3	8	.273

Gateway

Northern Iowa	5	0	1.000	12	2	.857
Western Illinois	3	2	.600	9	3	.750
SW Missouri State	3	2	.600	7	4	.636
Indiana State	3	2	.600	6	5	.545
Southern Illinois	1	4	.200	5	6	.455
Illinois State	0	5	.000	3	8	.273

Ivy League

Dartmouth	7	0	1.000	10	0	1.000
Columbia	5	2	.714	8	2	.800
Brown	4	3	.571	5	5	.500
Cornell	4	3	.571	4	6	.400
Pennsylvania	3	4	.429	5	5	.500
Harvard	2	5	.286	4	6	.400
Princeton	2	5	.286	3	7	.300
Yale	1	6	.143	2	8	.200

Metro Atlantic Athletic

Duquesne	8	0	1.000	10	1	.909
Georgetown	7	1	.875	7	3	.700
Marist	6	2	.750	7	3	.700
St. John's (NY)	5	3	.625	6	3	.667
Canisius	4	4	.500	5	4	.556
St. Peter's	2	6	.250	2	7	.222
Siena	2	6	.250	2	7	.222
Fairfield	1	7	.125	1	8	.111
Iona	1	7	.125	1	9	.100

Mid-Eastern Athletic

Florida A&M	7	0	1.000	9	3	.750
Howard	6	1	.857	9	2	.818
North Carolina A&T	4	3	.571	8	3	.727
South Carolina St.	4	3	.571	4	6	.400
Hampton	3	4	.429	5	6	.455
Morgan State	2	5	.286	4	7	.364
Delaware State	2	5	.286	3	8	.273
Bethune-Cookman	0	7	.000	2	9	.182

Northeast

Robert Morris	3	1	.750	9	2	.818
Monmouth (NJ)	3	1	.750	7	3	.700
Wagner	2	2	.500	5	5	.500
Central Conn. State	2	2	.500	3	7	.300
St. Francis (PA)	0	4	.000	3	7	.300

Ohio Valley

Murray State	8	0	1.000	11	2	.846
Eastern Illinois	6	2	.750	8	4	.667
Eastern Kentucky	6	2	.750	6	5	.545
Middle Tenn. State	4	4	.500	6	5	.545
Tennessee Tech	4	4	.500	6	5	.545
Tennessee State	3	5	.375	4	7	.364
SE Missouri State	3	5	.375	3	8	.273
Austin Peay	1	7	.125	1	10	.091
Tennessee-Martin	1	7	.125	1	10	.091

Patriot League

Bucknell	4	1	.800	6	5	.545
Colgate	3	2	.600	6	5	.545
Lehigh	3	2	.600	5	6	.455
Lafayette	2	2	.500	5	5	.500
Fordham	1	3	.250	2	8	.200
Holy Cross	1	4	.200	2	9	.182
Towson State	-	-	-	6	4	.600

Pioneer Football League

Dayton	5	0	1.000	11	0	1.000
Drake	4	1	.800	8	3	.727
Evansville	2	3	.400	5	5	.500
Butler	2	3	.400	3	7	.300
San Diego	1	4	.200	4	6	.400
Valparaiso	1	4	.200	4	6	.400

Southern

Marshall	8	0	1.000	15	0	1.000
East Tenn. State	7	1	.875	10	3	.769
Furman	6	2	.750	9	4	.692
Appalachian State	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
Citadel	3	5	.375	4	7	.364
Georgia Southern	2	6	.250	4	7	.364
Virginia Military	2	6	.250	3	8	.273
Tenn.-Chattanooga	2	6	.250	3	8	.273
Western Carolina	1	7	.125	4	7	.364
Wofford	-	-	-	6	5	.545

Southland Football League

Football Recap

Lone Star

Texas A&M-Kingsville	7	0	1.000	8	3	.727
Central Oklahoma	5	2	.714	9	3	.750
Texas A&M-Commerce	4	3	.571	7	4	.636
Abilene Christian	4	3	.571	6	4	.600
Angelo State	4	3	.571	6	4	.600
Tarleton State	2	5	.286	5	5	.500
Eastern New Mexico	2	5	.286	3	8	.273
West Texas A&M	0	7	.000	1	9	.100

Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletic Association

NW Missouri State	8	1	.889	11	2	.846
Pittsburgh State	8	1	.889	8	3	.727
Truman State	7	2	.778	7	4	.636
Missouri West. State	4	5	.456	7	4	.636
Missouri So. State	5	4	.556	6	4	.600
Emporia State	5	4	.556	5	6	.455
Washburn	4	5	.444	4	6	.400
Central Missouri State	2	7	.222	4	7	.364
Missouri-Rolla	1	8	.111	3	8	.273
Southwest Baptist	0	9	.000	0	10	.000

Midwest Intercollegiate Football

Ferris State	9	1	.900	10	2	.833
Grand Valley State	8	2	.800	8	3	.727
Northern Michigan	7	3	.700	7	3	.700
Saginaw Valley	7	3	.700	7	3	.700
Hillsdale	6	4	.600	6	5	.545
Northwood	5	5	.500	6	5	.545
Ashland	4	6	.400	4	7	.364
Indianapolis	3	7	.300	4	7	.364
St. Francis (IL)	2	8	.200	3	8	.273
Michigan Tech	2	8	.200	2	8	.200
Wayne State (MI)	2	8	.200	2	9	.182

North Central Intercollegiate Athletic

Nebraska-Omaha	8	1	.889	10	2	.833
Northern Colorado	6	3	.667	12	3	.800
North Dakota	6	3	.667	7	3	.700
South Dakota State	6	3	.667	7	4	.636
North Dakota State	5	4	.556	6	4	.600
South Dakota	4	5	.444	6	5	.545
St. Cloud State	4	5	.444	5	6	.455
Mankato State	4	5	.444	5	6	.455
Augustana (SD)	2	7	.222	3	8	.273
Morningside	0	9	.000	1	10	.091

Northern California Athletic

Cal State Chico	3	1	.750	5	5	.500
Sonoma State	2	2	.500	2	8	.200
Humboldt State	1	3	.250	3	7	.300

Northern Sun Intercollegiate Athletic

Minnesota-Duluth	6	0	1.000	8	3	.727
Moorhead State	5	1	.833	7	3	.700
Northern State	4	2	.667	7	4	.636
Winona State	3	3	.500	4	7	.364
Southwest State	2	4	.333	2	9	.182
Bemidji State	1	5	.167	2	8	.200
Minnesota-Morris	0	6	.000	0	10	.000

Pennsylvania State Athletic

EASTERN DIVISION						
Bloomsburg	6	0	1.000	10	2	.833
West Chester	4	2	.667	7	3	.700
East Stroudsburg	4	2	.667	6	4	.600
Millersville	4	2	.667	6	4	.600
Kutztown	2	4	.333	4	6	.400
Mansfield	1	5	.167	3	8	.273
Cheyney	0	6	.000	0	11	.000
WESTERN DIVISION						
Clarion	5	1	.833	11	3	.786
Indiana (PA)	5	1	.833	8	3	.727
Slippery Rock	4	2	.667	7	4	.636
Edinboro	4	2	.667	6	4	.600
Shippensburg	2	4	.333	3	8	.273
Lock Haven	1	5	.167	1	10	.091
California (PA)	0	6	.000	2	9	.182

Rocky Mountain Athletic

Chadron State	7	1	.875	10	2	.833
Western State	6	2	.750	6	5	.545
New Mexico Highlands	5	3	.625	8	3	.727
Fort Hays State	5	3	.625	7	3	.700
Fort Lewis	4	4	.500	5	5	.500
Nebraska-Kearney	4	4	.500	4	7	.364
Adams State	2	6	.250	4	7	.364
Mesa State	2	6	.250	2	8	.200
Colorado Mines	1	7	.125	3	8	.273

South Atlantic

Carson-Newman	6	1	.857	12	2	.857
Catawba	6	1	.857	9	2	.818
Presbyterian	4	3	.571	5	6	.455
Elon	4	3	.571	4	7	.364
Mars Hill	3	4	.429	5	5	.500
Wingate	2	5	.286	4	6	.400
Gardner-Webb	2	5	.286	2	9	.182
Lenoir-Rhyne	1	6	.143	1	9	.100
Newberry	-	-	-	7	4	.636

Southern Intercollegiate Athletic

Albany State (GA)	5	1	.833	8	3	.727
Fort Valley State	4	3	.571	6	5	.545
Savannah State	4	3	.571	6	5	.545
Miles	3	3	.500	6	4	.600
Alabama A&M	3	3	.500	6	5	.545
Kentucky State	4	4	.500	5	6	.455
Clark Atlanta	3	4	.429	5	6	.455
Tuskegee	3	5	.375	4	6	.400
Morris Brown	2	5	.286	3	8	.273
Morehouse	0	6	.000	2	9	.182

West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic

Glennville State	6	1	.857	6	4	.600
Fairmont State	6	1	.857	6	4	.600
Shepherd	5	2	.714	7	3	.700
West Virginia State	3	4	.429	4	6	.400
West Virginia Wesleyan	2	5	.286	4	6	.400
Concord	2	5	.286	4	7	.364
West Liberty State	2	5	.286	2	8	.200
West Virginia Tech	1	6	.143	1	10	.091

Independents

St. Joseph's (IN)	9	2	.818
Albany (NY)	7	3	.700
New Haven	7	3	.700
LIU-C.W. Post	6	3	.667
Southern Connecticut State	7	4	.636
American International	6	4	.600
UC Davis	8	5	.615
Pace	6	4	.600
Stony Brook	5	4	.556
Mercyhurst	4	5	.444
Mississippi College	4	6	.400
Lane	3	6	.333
Western New Mexico	3	6	.333
Wayne State (NE)	3	7	.300
Portland State	3	8	.273
Gannon	2	8	.200
Kentucky Wesleyan	2	8	.200
Quincy	1	8	.111

Division III

CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT

Centennial Football

Ursinus	7	0	1.000	9	2	.818
Franklin & Marshall	6	1	.857	9	1	.900
Johns Hopkins	5	2	.714	7	3	.700
Dickinson	3	4	.429	5	5	.500
Western Maryland	3	4	.429	4	6	.400
Gettysburg	3	4	.429	3	7	.300
Muhlenberg	1	6	.143	1	9	.100
Swarthmore	0	7	.000	0	10	.000

College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin

Illinois Wesleyan	7	0	1.000	10	1	.909
Wheaton (IL)	6	1	.857	8	1	.889
Augustana (IL)	4	3	.571	5	4	.556
North Central	4	3	.571	5	4	.556
Millikin	3	4	.429	3	6	.333
Carthage	3	4	.429	3	6	.333
Elmhurst	1	6	.143	2	7	.222
North Park	0	7	.000	0	9	.000

Eastern Collegiate Football

Salve Regina	8	0	1.000	9	0	1.000
Bentley	6	1	.857	7	3	.700
Stonehill	7	2	.778	8	2	.800
Sacred Heart	4	3	.571	4	6	.400
Merrimack	5	4	.556	5	4	.556
Mass.-Lowell	4	4	.500	6	4	.600
MIT	3	5	.375	4	5	.444
Nichols	2	5	.286	2	8	.200
Western New England	2	6	.250	2	7	.222
Curry	1	7	.125	3	7	.300
Assumption	1	8	.111	1	9	.100

Freedom Football

Coast Guard	5	1	.833	8	3	.727
Springfield	5	1	.833	6	4	.600
Merchant Marine	4	2	.667	6	3	.667
Western Conn. State	3	3	.500	6	4	.600
Plymouth State	3	3	.500	5	4	.556
Norwich	1	5	.167	2	8	.200
Worcester Tech	0	6	.000	2	8	.200

Illini-Badger

Lakeland	5	0	1.000	8	2	.800
Concordia (WI)	4	1	.800	5	4	.556
MacMurray	3	2	.600	7	3	.700
Eureka	2	3	.400	5	4	.556
Greenville (IL)	1	4	.200	2	7	.222
Concordia (IL)	0	5	.000	1	8	.111

Indiana Collegiate Athletic

DePauw	6	0	1.000	9	1	.900
Wabash	4	2	.667	7	3	.700
Anderson	3	3	.500	7	3	.700
Hanover	3	3	.500	6	4	.600
Rose-Hulman	3	3	.500	3	7	.300
Manchester	2	4	.333	4	6	.400
Franklin	0	6	.000	3	7	.300

Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic

Simpson	8	0	1.000	10	1	.909
Central (IA)	7	1	.875	7	3	.700
Loras	5	3	.625	7	3	.700
Wartburg	5	3	.625	7	3	.700
Buena Vista	4	4	.500	5	5	.500
Upper Iowa	3	5	.375	3	7	.300
Luther	2	6	.250	3	7	.300
William Penn	2	6	.250	1	9	.100
Dubuque	0	8	.000	1	9	.100

Michigan Intercollegiate

Albion	5	0	1.000	9	1	.900
Hope	3	2	.600	4	5	.444
Alma	2	3	.400	4	5	.444
Kalamazoo	2	3	.400	3	6	.333
Olivet	2	3	.400	2	7	.222
Adrian	1	4	.200	3	6	.333

Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic

COMMONWEALTH LEAGUE						
Albright	5	0	1.000	10	2	.833
Widener	4	1	.800	7	3	.700
Susquehanna	3	2	.600	5	5	.500
Moravian	2	3	.400	6	4	.600
Juniata	1	4	.200	5	5	.500
Lebanon Valley	0	5	.000	1	9	.100
FREEDOM LEAGUE						
Lycorning	4	0	1.000	11	1	.917
Wilkes	3	1	.750	8	3	.727
FDU-Madison	1	3	.250	2	8	.200
King's (PA)	1	3	.250	2	8	.200
Delaware Valley	1	3	.250	1	9	.100

Midwest Collegiate Athletic

NORTH DIVISION						
Ripon	5	0	1.000	9	1	.900
St. Norbert	4	1	.800	5	4	.556
Carroll (WI)	3	2	.600	6	3	.667
Lake Forest	2	3	.400	2	7	.222
Lawrence	1	4	.200	2	7	.222
Beloit	0	5	.000	0	9	.000
SOUTH DIVISION						
Cornell (IA)	5	0	1.000	8	2	.800
Coe	4	1	.800	6	3	.667
Knox	3	2	.600	6	3	.667
Grinnell	2	3	.400	4	5	.444
Illinois College	1	4	.200	3	6	.333
Monmouth (IL)	0	5	.000	2	7	.222

Division III *continued*

	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic						
MacMurray	3	1	.750	7	3	.700
Westminster (MO)	3	1	.750	5	4	.556
Blackburn	3	1	.750	3	6	.333
Greenville (IL)	1	3	.250	2	7	.222
Principia	0	4	.000	0	8	.000

Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic

Redlands	5	0	1.000	6	3	.667
La Verne	4	1	.800	7	2	.778
Cal Lutheran	2	3	.400	3	6	.333
Claremont-M-S	2	3	.400	2	7	.222
Occidental	1	4	.200	1	8	.111
Whittier	1	4	.200	1	8	.111

Southern Collegiate Athletic

Trinity (TX)	3	1	.750	9	1	.900
Millsaps	3	1	.750	8	2	.800
Sewanee	2	2	.500	4	4	.500
Centre	1	3	.250	5	5	.500
Rhodes	1	3	.250	3	7	.300

University Athletic Association

Carnegie Mellon	3	1	.750	7	3	.700
Washington (MO)	3	1	.750	7	3	.700
Case Reserve	3	1	.750	5	5	.500
Chicago	1	3	.250	4	5	.444
Rochester	0	4	.000	0	9	.000

Upstate Collegiate Athletic

Union (NY)	4	0	1.000	9	1	.900
Hobart	3	1	.750	5	5	.500
Rensselaer	2	2	.500	5	4	.556
St. Lawrence	1	3	.250	2	7	.222
Rochester	0	4	.000	0	9	.000

Wisconsin State University

Wis.-La Crosse	7	0	1.000	11	2	.846
Wis.-River Falls	6	1	.857	9	2	.818
Wis.-Whitewater	5	2	.714	8	2	.800
Wis.-Stevens Point	4	3	.571	6	3	.667
Wis.-Eau Claire	3	4	.429	5	5	.500
Wis.-Oshkosh	2	5	.286	4	6	.400
Wis.-Stout	1	6	.143	4	6	.400
Wis.-Platteville	0	7	.000	1	9	.100

Independents

Frostburg State	10	1	.909
Buffalo State	8	2	.800
Amherst	7	1	.875
Trinity (CT)	7	1	.875
Hardin-Simmons	8	2	.800
Howard Payne	8	2	.800
Wesley	8	2	.800
Catholic	7	2	.778
Chapman	7	2	.778
Pomona-Pitzer	6	2	.750
Williams	6	2	.750
Ithaca	7	3	.700
Hamilton	5	3	.625
Middlebury	5	3	.625
Brockport State	6	4	.600
Cortland State	6	4	.600
Hartwick	6	4	.600
Methodist	6	4	.600
Thomas More	6	4	.600
Aurora	5	4	.556
Menlo	5	4	.556
Wilmington (OH)	5	5	.500
Martin Luther	4	4	.500
Defiance	4	5	.444
Salisbury State	4	5	.444
Bowdoin	3	5	.375
Colby	3	5	.375
Wesleyan (CT)	3	5	.375
Colorado College	3	6	.333
Maryville (TN)	3	6	.333
Chowan	2	7	.222
St. John Fisher	2	7	.222
Bluffton	2	8	.200
Tufts	1	7	.125
Ferrum	1	8	.111
Bates	0	8	.000
Benedictine (IL)	0	9	.000

Bowl Games

Alamo	Iowa 27, Texas Tech 0
Aloha	Navy 42, California 38
Carquest	Miami 31, Virginia 21
Citrus	Tennessee 48, Northwestern 28
Copper	Wisconsin 38, Utah 10
Cotton	Brigham Young 19, Kansas State 15
Fiesta	Penn State 38, Texas 15
Gator	North Carolina 20, West Virginia 13
Heritage	Howard 27, Southern 24
Holiday	Colorado 33, Washington 21
Independence	Auburn 32, Army 29
Las Vegas	Nevada 18, Ball State 15
Liberty	Syracuse 30, Houston 17
Orange	Nebraska 41, Virginia Tech 21
Outback	Alabama 17, Michigan 14
Peach	LSU 10, Clemson 7
Rose	Ohio State 20, Arizona State 17
Sugar	Florida 52, Florida State 20
Sun	Stanford 38, Michigan St. 0

Division I-AA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND

Eastern Tenn. State 35	Villanova 29
Furman 42	Northern Arizona 31
Marshall 59	Delaware 14
Montana 48	Nicholls State 3
Murray State 34	Western Illinois 6
Northern Iowa 21	Eastern Illinois 14
Troy State 29	Florida A&M 25
William & Mary 45	Jackson State 6

QUARTERFINALS

Marshall 54	Furman 0
Montana 44	East Tennessee State 14
Northern Iowa 38	William & Mary 35
Troy State 31	Murray State 3

SEMIFINALS

Marshall 31	Northern Iowa 14
Montana 70	Troy State 7

CHAMPIONSHIP

Marshall 49	Montana 29
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Division II Playoffs

FIRST ROUND

Carson-Newman 41	West Georgia 7
Central Oklahoma 23	Chadron State 21
Clarion 42	Bloomsburg 29
Ferris State 24	Indiana (PA) 23
Northern Colorado 24	Pittsburgh State 21
Northwest Missouri St. 22	Nebraska-Omaha 21
UC Davis 17	Texas A&M-Kingsville 14
Valdosta State 38	Albany State (GA) 28

QUARTERFINALS

Carson-Newman 24	Valdosta State 19
Clarion 23	Ferris State 21
Northern Colorado 27	Northwest Missouri St. 26
UC Davis 26	Central Oklahoma 6

SEMIFINALS

Carson-Newman 29	UC Davis 26
Northern Colorado 19	Clarion 18

CHAMPIONSHIP

Northern Colorado 23	Carson-Newman 14
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Division III Playoffs

FIRST ROUND

Albright 31	Washington & Jefferson 17
College of New Jersey 17	Coast Guard 16
Illinois Wesleyan 23	Albion 20
Lycoming 31	Ursinus 24
Mount Union 31	Allegheny 26
Rowan 21	Buffalo State 20
St. John's (MN) 21	Simpson 18
Wis.-La Crosse 44	Wis.-River Falls 0

QUARTERFINALS

Lycoming 31	Albright 13
Mount Union 49	Illinois Wesleyan 14
Rowan 7	College of New Jersey 3
Wis.-La Crosse 37	St. John's (MN) 30

SEMIFINALS

Mount Union 39	Wis.-La Crosse 21
Rowan 33	Lycoming 14

CHAMPIONSHIP

Mount Union 56	Rowan 24
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NAIA Division I Playoffs

SEMIFINALS

SW Oklahoma State 17	NW Oklahoma State 7
Montana Tech 49	Carroll College, Mont. 28

CHAMPIONSHIP

SW Oklahoma State 33	Montana Tech 31
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NAIA Division II Playoffs

FIRST ROUND

Westminster College, Pa. 27	Clinch Valley College, Va. 20
NW College, Iowa 14	Valley City State, N.D. 7
Sioux Falls, S.D. 56	at Mary, N.D. 19
Lambuth, Tenn. 34	Benedictine College, Kan. 20
Evangel College, Mo. 45	Hardin Simmons, Texas. 23
Findlay, Ohio 38	Geneva, Pa. 13
Western Washington 21	Pacific Lutheran, Wash. 20, OT
Willamette, Ore. 56	Bethany College, Kan. 35

QUARTERFINALS

Findlay, Ohio 28	Westminster College, Pa. 9
Evangel College, Mo. 28	Lambuth, Tenn. 27
Sioux Falls, S.D. 52	Northwestern College, Iowa 21
Western Washington 13	Willamette, Ore. 12

SEMIFINALS

Western Washington 28	Findlay, Ohio 21
Sioux Falls, S.D. 28	Evangel, Mo. 22

CHAMPIONSHIP

Sioux Falls, S.D. 47	Western Washington 25
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